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Church bells ring out as kidnappers release last British hostage and US professor

Waite freed after 1,763 days

Archbishop's envoy due at Lyneham today

By Ali Jaber in Beirut and Christopher Walker in Amman

TERRY Waite emerged from nearly five years of captivity last night at the side of one of the Beirut hostages he had sought to free.

Church bells rang across Britain to celebrate as Mr Waite and the Scottish-born American Tom Sutherland were released by their kidnappers yesterday afternoon and driven to Damascus to be handed over to their ambassadors.

Mr Waite, who had been held hostage for 1,763 days, was reunited with his brother, David, at the ambassador's residence and then underwent medical checks before flying to Cyprus for the night. He will return to RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, today. Dr Sutherland will be taken to the USAF base at Wiesbaden in Germany for a reunion with his wife, Jean, before flying home to Colorado.

Mr Waite, a special envoy of the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, had been seized while trying to negotiate freedom of other Beirut hostages, including Dr Sutherland, an agriculture professor at the American University in Beirut who was captured in June 1985. Mr Waite was regarded as the pro-Iranian kidnappers' trump card and his surprise release yesterday was seen as a sign of Iran's anxiety to improve relations with the West.

The release had been predicted by the *Tehran Times* at the weekend and speculation intensified when Mr Waite's wife, Frances, moved out of her home in south London to a secret location on Saturday. The firmest indication came with the arrival in Lebanon of Giandomenico Picco, the UN secretary-general's envoy who has instrumental in securing freedom for three hostages since John McCarthy's kidnappers asked the UN to act as mediator in August.

Then yesterday, the Islamic Jihad kidnap group announced: "Completing what we have started with United Nations secretary-general Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, we declare today the release of Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland." The typewritten note was slipped under the door of a Western news agency in Beirut, accompanied by an old photograph of Terry Anderson, the American who is the longest-serving hostage and who is now the lone captive of Islamic Jihad.

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Two other Americans remain hostage in Beirut — Joseph Cicippio and Alann Steen — and Signor Picco hopes to bring all three home for Christmas, a target agreed by both Iran and Syria. Besides the Americans, two Germans are still held captive, but their fate has been kept separate from the global exchange process. An Italian, Alberto Molinari, is believed to have been killed shortly after his abduction in 1985.

The comprehensive swap being negotiated by Señor Pérez de Cuéllar also involves some 350 Arabs being held in Israel and at Khiam prison in south Lebanon and seven missing Israeli servicemen. Since Mr McCarthy's release, 66 Arabs, two Americans and the Briton Jack Mann have been freed. Israel has also received proof that two of its men are dead and the remains of a third have been sent home. Jerusalem is now demanding the return of the navigator Ron Arad, the only one of the seven thought to be still alive, and firm information on the others before it will free the Arabs, who include the Muslim cleric Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid.

Although Israel was not directly involved in yesterday's release, officials in Jerusalem predicted that it could give the process greater momentum. That view was also taken by a Western security expert who said: "Waite was considered by the kidnappers — and more important by Iran — to be the biggest bargaining chip of all. Now that he is free, there is real hope that the process will move along much more swiftly."

The decision to free Mr Waite, aged 52, and Dr Sutherland, aged 60, came in the midst of a flurry of activity in Middle Eastern affairs. Last week's announcement by Britain and America exonerating Iran and Syria of any involvement in the Lockerbie bombing and the Foreign Office intervention to prevent a public vigil to mark 1,000 days of the death sentence imposed on the author Salman Rushdie were seen as factors in the timing of the release.

But a senior Arab diplomat indicated that Mr Waite and Dr Sutherland had gained their freedom in spite of rather than because of the Middle East peace conference, saying: "The fact that the releases are going ahead at this time is indicative of the strength of the mechanism put in place by the United Nations to close the hostage file once and for all." A senior Muslim fundamentalist also insisted yesterday that the hostage issue was completely separate from the Middle East peace talks, to which Tehran is opposed. Solving the hostage problem had been placed entirely in the hands of the United Nations. "The decision to free the hostages has been taken and is not linked to the peace process," the source said. "But the Israeli aggression in the south could affect the timing of the release."

Yesterday's developments were welcomed on both sides of the Atlantic with official thanks to the UN, Syria, Iran and Lebanon. The prime minister said he was delighted at the news, but insisted that no deals had been done to secure the hostages' release. "We have waited five years for this," he said. "It must have been a long and agonising period both for Terry Waite and for all those who knew him, his family and friends. I hope very soon we will see the end of that."

Mr Waite's cousin, John, said: "This really is the end of the Terry Waite saga — the beginning of his freedom again. Even now I cannot believe that it is true. This hostage situation has been an intractable problem. For years and years and years and the UN stepped in where others almost feared to tread.

"I am still staggered that they have managed it and with such speed and dispatch. All credit goes to Pérez de Cuéllar and his team for working around the clock to achieve it. I can hardly believe it."

Lord Runcie was relieved and amazed and said he hoped to see Mr Waite later in the week. "The first thing I am going to say to him is 'Welcome, well done, it has been a long time, we have a lot to catch up with'." His successor, Dr George Carey, welcomed the release and praised the "dignity and fortitude" of Mr Waite's family.

Dr Sutherland's wife was flying from Beirut to Iowa for her father's funeral yesterday when she heard of her husband's release. She then changed direction and set off for Germany. Mrs Sutherland's father died of cancer two days ago and her daughter, Kit, said yesterday: "We don't know whether to celebrate or mourn. Half the family is on its way to Iowa for the funeral. Half the family is on its way to Colorado."

Homeward bound: Terry Waite, who was released in Beirut yesterday and reunited with his brother David in Damascus. Last night he was on his way to Cyprus, before flying back to RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire

Courage in a web of deceit

Did the Americans use, or try to use, Terry Waite as a tool in their Middle East strategy? David Watts reports

AMID the medieval horrors of the Lebanese kidnappings, Terry Waite's ordeal always stood out. He was a Christian of undoubted courage striving to free Westerners from the hands of Muslim kidnappers. But was there more to his mission than that? His links to Oliver North, and to other American officials bent on bargaining arms for hostages, ensured that his case would always be special.

It was always thought that the kidnappers would keep him until last. The enigma remains: was Mr Waite involved in covert operations — and if so, should he have been allowed to return to the Middle East when his safety was so clearly compromised?

Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, last night gave his view: Mr Waite was a man who no longer listened to reasonable argument. His determination, and to some extent his hubris, had taken over. Should he have tried to stop him? Had he tried, Lord Runcie said, Mr Waite would most probably have gone in any case, and this would have caused unexplained "further difficulties".

Mr North attended countless Middle East strategy sessions with Mr Waite on both sides of the Atlantic, and probably elsewhere. But he is less than transparent about their working relationship. "I don't think it would be helpful to Terry or any of the other hostages to talk about what his relationship was or wasn't, in that it's easy to misunderstand anything that I might say, any denial I might give, and there is no point in exposing him to further jeopardy," he told a BBC *Panorama* interviewer.

The Rev Samir Habiby, who served as Mr Waite's counterpart in the American Episcopalian Church, is categoric that he was not involved in the Americans' complex Middle East manoeuvring: "Terry was an independent humanitarian," he has told *The Times*. "I have never believed, and refuse to believe, that he was ever used by the American administration. He indeed related to other persons who had resources that could be helpful and used them when they could be useful," he said.

But Nigel West writes: "Mr Waite's involvement with the American hostages in Lebanon began when Mr Casey [the CIA director] had exhausted every avenue in attempts to obtain the release of William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut snatched by Hezbollah gunmen outside his apartment on March 16, 1984." [He died, or was killed, in captivity.]

West says Mr Waite's role was to supply a plausible reason to explain publicly the anticipated release of the American hostages: "In particular, the CIA wanted Buckley freed before he could compromise the many priceless secrets he possessed."

France loses its way on the linguistic map

From Philip Jacobson
in Paris

PERHAPS it is because the French cherish their native tongue with such fervour that they are obsessed with preservation of its status far beyond their own borders, nurturing its roots assiduously from West Africa to the West Indies by way of Vanuatu and the Val d'Aoste. No corner of the globe is neglected in the search for lost communities of French speakers to be added to the roll call as a new tricolour is pinned to the linguistic map.

The grand "summit" for francophone nations opening in the Palais de Chaillot in Paris today is designed to reassure France that the language of Racine and Victor Hugo, Proust and Camus, is alive and well in a world turning inexorably to English for international communication. Proceedings will be opened and closed by President Mitterrand, whose passion for French is well known. To emphasise this devotion he will also entertain delegation heads in the Elyseé Palace, and probably had a hand in deciding that they attend a gala performance of Molière's *Le médecin malgré lui* at the Comédie Française.

Yet these are testing times for the guardians of the language, anxiously counting francophone heads. French has slipped to eleventh place in the league table of habitual users, lagging behind not only Chinese (first) and English (second) but also Spanish, Portugese and something described as as Malais-Indonesian.

The latest count claims that French is today the mother tongue of some 75 million people, though the inhabitants of Jersey and Guernsey might not take too kindly to being lumped in with the Sarre region of Germany and Andorra as "enclaves" where the francophone banner still flies. In the interests of *le fair play* — one of the Franglais phrases that send a shudder down M Mitterrand's spine — one should also record that French is still second only to English as a vehicle for written communication. It falls to Catherine Tasca, in charge of francophone affairs at the Quai d'Orsay, to hold the line with an annual budget of just 50 million francs (£5 million), which is about the amount France will spend on the Chaillot summit. President Mitterrand is a great fan of Mme Tasca, whom he once hailed as "*une lame*", a cutting blade, always useful in dealings with the entrenched bureacracy of the French state.

Now she is the Elysee's frontline representative in the campaign to preserve the francophone heritage. In a world full of people poring over Teach Yourself English books, the British government has no such worries, but that should surely not prevent us from wishing Mme Tasca *bonne chance*.

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Warships ready for Dubrovnik

TWO British warships are preparing to steam to Dubrovnik and Split to rescue Yugoslav refugees from the country being torn apart by civil war, as part of a corridor protected by member nations of the Western European Union.

The closest ships are HMS Fearless, an amphibious assault ship, and HMS Minerva, a Leander-class frigate. Any mission would be strictly humanitarian, and they would fire in anger only if attacked.

Aid for Dubrovnik is starting to flood in, with two European aid vessels arriving yesterday ......Page 20

IRA name the dead bombers

The IRA yesterday said that Patricia Black, aged 18, and Frankie Ryan, 25, both of Belfast, were involved in an operation aimed at a "specific military target" in St Albans, where they were killed when their bomb exploded on Friday night ......Page 6

US markets rally after fall

American stockmarkets steadied last night after a day of market falls around the world. At 2.15pm in New York the Dow Jones index of shares was up 14.98 at 2,958.18, a slight recovery from Friday's 120 plunge. London fell by almost 100 points in early trading before the FT-SE 100 rallied to close at 2502.9, a fall of 43.7 ......Page 21

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Rob Andrew, England's most-capped stand-off half and a member of the Rugby World Cup final team, is moving to France to take up a new job. A member of Wasps for five years, he will play for Stade Toulouse but will be available for England ......Page 40

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Gustav Husak of Czechoslovakia, one of the bad old men of East European communism, died yesterday. He was 78 ......Page 11
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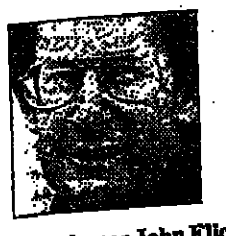

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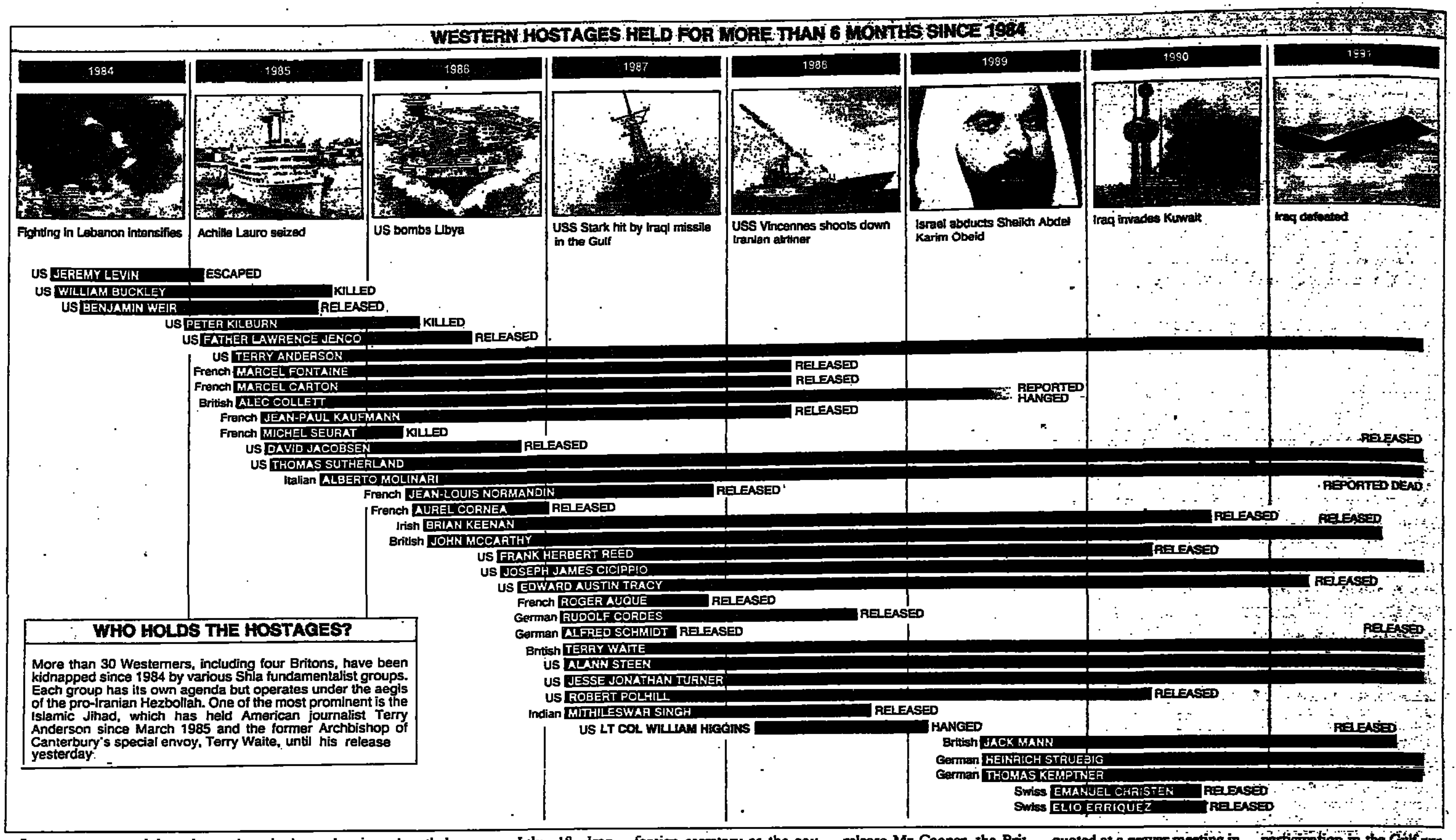
POLITICS AND DIPLOMACY

How Britain became stuck in a diplomatic quagmire

Stumbling steps to secure the captives' release were dogged by mischance and mistrust, writes **Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor**



WHO HOLDS THE HOSTAGES?

More than 30 Westerners, including four Britons, have been kidnapped since 1984 by various Shia fundamentalist groups. Each group has its own agenda but operates under the aegis of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah. One of the most prominent is the Islamic Jihad, which has held American journalist Terry Anderson since March 1985 and the former Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, Terry Waite, until his release yesterday.

THE attempt to secure the release of British hostages has preoccupied the Foreign Office for more than five years. It dominated relations with Iran and was a vital factor in British policy in the Middle East. Britain's insistence on not negotiating with the kidnappers led to disputes with European partners, disillusion with the Reagan administration over the Iran-Contra scandal, and public quarrels with the hostages' families.

The government realised from the start that the key to the hostages' release lay in Tehran and, to a lesser extent, Damascus. Beirut was the prison where the captives were held. But anarchy, civil war and terrorism in Lebanon meant that little could be achieved on the ground. All efforts had to be focused on the source of the fundamentalism which inspired the Hezbollah captors.

Britain's room for manoeuvre was limited from the start, however, by the strong support it gave American policy in the region, and in particular Margaret Thatcher's support for President Reagan's public stance on Iran. It was largely because of this identification with America that British hostages were seized by pro-Iranian groups in Beirut. Relations with Tehran were worsened by a series of diplomatic incidents including the detention in Tehran of Roger Cooper for "spying", the arrest of an Iranian consul in Britain, the tit-for-tat expulsion of diplomats and, most seriously, the publication of Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* and the subsequent fatwa.

Britain's involvement in the effort to free hostages began with the kidnapping of John McCarthy in 1986. But it had already started unofficially with the efforts of Terry Waite to act as a go-between to secure the release of the American hostages. The third hostage, Jack Mann, was seized in 1989. Bad relations with Iran hampered British efforts to free Mr Cooper. The Anglican Church and Mr Waite became involved.

Britain's relations deteriorated after Edward Chaplin, a first secretary, was abducted and beaten up by Revolutionary Guards in reprisal for the arrest of the Iranian consul in Manchester on shoplifting charges. Mrs Thatcher took a robust line with the French after they were suspected of negotiating a deal in May 1988 under which an Iranian suspected of Paris bombings was released and French hostages in Beirut were freed. Her position, however, had been shaken by the Iran-Contra affair.

The hostage issue was subordinated to the wider question of the Iran-Iraq war and the efforts to end it. These in turn persuaded Iran to try to improve its relations with the West. In 1988, Iranian diplomats were sent to London to negotiate with the Foreign Office on mutual compensation for damage to each other's embassies. A group of MPs went to Iran, and on their return urged Sir Geoffrey Howe, then foreign secretary, to send a diplomat to Tehran. He did so in August.

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Meanwhile, moderates were getting the upper hand in Iran. Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Speaker of the Iranian parliament, was appointed deputy supreme commander of the armed forces. It tipped the power balance between the hardliners and pragmatists, though it would take another year to consolidate his position.

The improving atmosphere survived the shooting down of an Iranair civil airliner by the USS Vincennes. Nevertheless, on July 18 Iran accepted United Nations Security Council resolution 598, passed a year earlier, clearing the way for a ceasefire with Iraq in August.

British and Iranian officials met in Geneva, and at the end of September Sir Geoffrey had talks in New York with Ali Akbar Velayati, his Iranian counterpart. They agreed to restore full diplomatic representation in stages — a process halted by the Rushdie affair. In March the Majlis ordered a break in relations with Britain. However, the death of the ayatollah opened the way for a purge of hardliners in Tehran and a renewal of negotiations with the West.

Douglas Hurd took over as foreign secretary as the government became more actively involved in trying to resolve the hostage issue. It also sought Syrian help, believing that the Syrian control of Lebanon and Beirut enabled it to exert influence on the kidnappers.

By March, Britain was ready to tell Sir Crispin Tickell, then permanent representative at the United Nations, to begin talks with his Iranian counterpart. Despite reaffirmation of the *fatwa*, the two sides eventually began informal meetings.

The Foreign Office continued to make a distinction between direct and indirect talks, which was fanciful because direct talks were already under way in all but name. It demanded that Iran make one of three gestures: release Mr Cooper, the British businessman held in Tehran; obtain the release of one or more hostages; or drop the *fatwa*.

Mr Hurd probably realised all along that the situation was artificial. It changed around the end of July, perhaps because the New York meetings had produced a formula for settling differences over the *fatwa*. The foreign secretary sent a letter to Sir Peter Blaker of the parliamentary foreign affairs committee describing Islam as "one of the world's greatest religions" and saying that the government understood that *The Satanic Verses* had deeply offended many people. The text had been agreed in advance, but by coincidence was sent the day after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Two days later it was quoted at a prayer meeting in Iran by Ayatollah Mohammad Emani Kashani, who interpreted it as a condemnation of Rushdie.

The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait then changed the equation. Iran suddenly found itself courted by the West. Mr Hurd offered to meet Dr Velayati, and a meeting was arranged for September 1990 in New York. Mr Hurd said it would be easier to resolve outstanding issues after restoring links. They agreed to send diplomats to each other's capitals.

Relations with Syria, broken after the Hindawi affair, were also on the mend, but slowly. Britain still suspected Damascus of terrorist links, though Farouk al-Sharaa, the foreign minister, assured London he would help with the release of hostages. Syrian participation in the Gulf war confirmed the closer links with the West, underlined already by a full restoration of relations with Britain. Iran too found an identity of interests with the West, and the ascendency of moderates in Tehran was confirmed.

By the middle of this year conditions were ripe for discreet intervention by the United Nations. The secretary-general held a series of talks in the region. Israel was brought in, as a key demand from the Iranians was that Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid and Arabs held by Israel should be included in any package. Britain had tacitly dropped its opposition to a negotiated package and Iran wanted rid of the problem.

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Israel believes all captives could be freed this year

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

MIDDLE EAST

ISRAEL said last night that the release of Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland in Beirut could herald the return of a captured Israeli airman shot down over Lebanon, and ultimately bring the entire hostage saga, involving Western captives, missing Israeli servicemen and detained Lebanese prisoners, to a close by the end of the year.

Although Israeli officials were at pains to emphasise that the Jewish state was not directly involved in yesterday's releases, they predicted that the move by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad group could renew momentum in a process which had become stagnant.

There are currently six Israeli servicemen who are listed as missing in Lebanon, although Israeli military authorities are only hopeful that one man, an air force navigator, Captain Ron Arad, is still alive.

Earlier this year, as part of the hostage negotiation efforts by the United Nations, Israel received the body of one missing soldier, Sergeant Samir Assad, as well as positive information that two others, riflemen Yossi Fink and Rachamim al-Sheikh, were dead. The remaining three men, Sergeant Zachary Baumel, Corporal Yehuda Katz, and Sergeant Zvi Feldman, have been missing since 1982 with no firm information on their fate.

"We hope the next stage will be Ron Arad; that is our main goal, together with the return of the remains of two soldiers and details about three others who went missing nine years ago," said Yohanan Bein, the deputy foreign ministry director-general who is responsible for liaising on hostages.

However, it seems unlikely that any final settlement to the three-part hostage stalemate will be completed until the main Iranian-backed group, Hezbollah, which is holding Captain Arad and the bodies of the two infantrymen, receives guarantees about the return of its captured Shia cleric, Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, who was kidnapped by an Israeli commando unit in 1989. Nevertheless, Mr Bein said he was hopeful that the issue could be resolved by the end of the year. "You can never pick the brains of the men on the other side [Hezbollah] but the secretary-general leaves his job at the end of this year and it would be in everybody's interests for this to be over by then," he said.

Yesterday's releases came in spite, rather than because, of last month's majestic opening of the new Middle East peace process in Madrid. Iran and its client kidnapping groups in Lebanon are among the bitterest opponents of peace talks between Arab nations, the Palestinians and the Israelis, which they have repeatedly threatened to sabotage by acts of violence. The Iranians have sentenced to death all the participants in the peace process and recently hosted a rejectionist conference against it, which was attended by leading Hezbollah members. Shortly before the hostages were set free yesterday, a pro-Iranian Lebanese leader said that Iran's decision to end the hostage saga was now irreversible and would not be affected by Tehran's opposition to the Middle East peace talks.

In Western circles, the willingness of Iran to sanction a continuation of releases at this juncture was seen as a sign of the near-desperation of its pragmatic leadership to improve ties with the West and gain the economic advantages such a move would bring.

There had been fears that direct talks between Israel and its main Arab neighbours could derail the UN-sponsored hostage plan. The dangers were illustrated when a massive car bomb ripped through the heart of the American University in Beirut, apparently planted in protest against the Madrid meetings.

One Western security expert said: "Waite was considered by the kidnappers and more important, by Iran, to be the biggest bargaining chip of all. Now that he is free, there is real hope that the process will move along more swiftly."

Last night Arab diplomatic sources said it appeared that certain guarantees on the key issue of the safety of the kidnappers had been transmitted via the UN mediators.

Last week's determination by the United States and Britain to accuse Libya over the Lockerbie bombing and not Syria and Iran was seen as another factor helping to determine the timing of Mr Waite's release.

Also seen as central, by British diplomats in the Middle East, was the Foreign Office's intervention to prevent a public vigil in London marking 1,000 days since the death sentence was imposed on Salman Rushdie, the author of *The Satanic Verses*. His earlier public appearance, to collect a book prize, was blamed, in Whitehall, for delaying the release of Jack Mann, the last but one British hostage to be freed.

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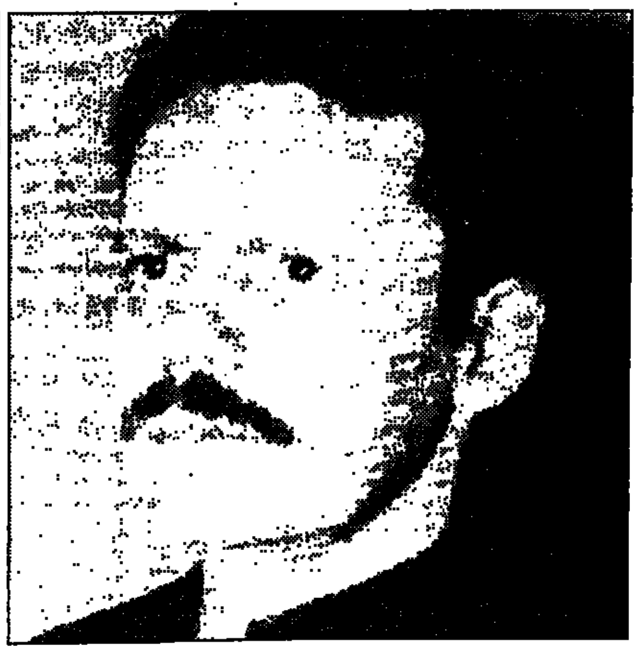

Anderson: longest held of the Western hostages in Lebanon, has never seen his six-year-old daughter

Ordeal goes on for final six

From AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN BEIRUT

SIX people remain in captivity in Lebanon after the release of Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland.

There are three Americans: Terry Anderson, aged 43, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press news agency. He was seized on March 16, 1985, and reportedly held by Islamic Jihad. Joseph Cicippio, aged 60, chief accountant at the American University of Beirut. Seized September 12, 1986, his abduction is claimed by the Revolutionary Justice Organisation. Alann Steen, aged 52, a journalism instructor, a teachers at Beirut University College, was taken January 24, 1987, by Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine.

Two Germans: Heinrich Struebig, aged 50, and Thomas Kemptner, aged 30, aid workers seized on May 16, 1989. Their abduction was claimed on July 24, 1990, by Mujahedin for Freedom.

One Italian: Alberto Molinari, aged 71, the Lebanon-born director of an electronic instruments firm. Seized on September 11, 1985, he became known over the years as the forgotten hostage. His abduction has not been claimed.

Terry Anderson, the longest held Western hostage in Lebanon, is a graduate of Iowa State University and went to work as a journalist for the US Marine Corps, who sent him to Vietnam. He later worked as a radio and television reporter in Des Moines, Iowa, and joined AP in 1975. He worked for the agency in New York, Tokyo and South Africa and was sent to Lebanon in the summer of 1982 to cover the Israeli invasion. He was given his present title that autumn.

Mr Anderson has a six-year-old daughter, Sulome, whom he has never seen, and who now lives with her Lebanese mother, Madeleine Bassil, in Cyprus. He has a wife, Mihoko, whom he was in the process of divorcing when he was captured. She now lives in Tokyo with their daughter, Gabrielle, who is 16.

Mr Anderson's father and brother died of cancer in 1986.

Militants held West to ransom

From NADIM LADKI
OF REUTER IN BEIRUT

ISLAMIC JIHAD

ISLAMIC Jihad, which announced the release of Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland, is a group of pro-Iranian militants fighting Western interests in the Middle East since 1983.

It has tormented Westerners and Arabs with suicide bombings, kidnappings, assassinations and airline hijackings. The group is at the core of the Shia Muslim underground movement in Lebanon, dominated by Hezbollah (the Party of God), and founded on the fundamentalist tenets of Iran's late revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini.

Islamic Jihad first emerged when it claimed responsibility for the 1983 suicide bombing of the United States embassy in Beirut that killed 17 Americans. Six months later, it was behind separate lorry-bomb attacks in which 241 American marines and 58 French paratroops died, after which President Reagan ended America's military presence in Lebanon.

It turned to abducting Westerners in Lebanon in 1984 as part of an attempt to win freedom for 17 colleagues imprisoned in Kuwait for bombing American, French and Kuwaiti targets in 1983. It later demanded that Israel free hundreds of Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners in exchange for their release.

Before freeing John McCarthy in August, Islamic Jihad had only claimed responsibility for holding Mr Sutherland and Terry Anderson, the American journalist still held.

Marathon man wins through

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

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TERRY Waite came face-to-face yesterday with Giandomenico Picco, the man who replaced him as the leading negotiator for the release of hostages.

A tall, dark Italian, aged 43, who regularly attends Roman Catholic Mass, does not drink, and likes running marathons, Signor Picco shares Mr Waite's secretive negotiating style. But a changing world has meant that his several years of effort as the assistant for special assignments to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, have been rewarded with greater success. In recent months, Signor Picco has travelled to Beirut to oversee the release of two Britons, John McCarthy on August 8 and Jack Mann on September 24, and the Americans, Edward Tracy and Jesse Turner. Yesterday, he was in the city once again for the release of Mr Waite and Thomas Sutherland.

He now hopes to bring all the remaining American hostages in Lebanon home for Christmas — possibly by arranging a simultaneous release of the last American with Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, the Muslim cleric kidnapped by Israel.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar fuelled that hope yesterday by revealing that the hostage-takers and the Iranian and Syrian governments had promised "some time ago" that all Western hostages would be freed by that time. "That is what I have been offered by the groups and by the Iranian government, who have always given me very strong support, as well as the Syrian government," he said as he arrived for work at the UN headquarters. "That is why I have been working so much for this."

UN officials say Signor Picco began his hostage negotiations several years ago after successfully mediating an end to the Iran-Iraq war in 1988. He is the son of a pharmacist from Udine. He joined the UN straight from university in 1973, and has become one of Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's closest aides. For some time he served with the future secretary-general in Cyprus while he was still a junior UN official.

Signor Picco specialises in sensitive behind-the-scenes missions — just as Mr Waite once did, on behalf on the Anglican church. His success in securing a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war earned him the trust of the Tehran government.

Diplomats say the long-running negotiations received a boost in the aftermath of the Gulf war when Iran approached several Western governments in an effort to improve relations. Tehran was told that no normalisation was possible until all the Western hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon were freed.

Picco: specialises in sensitive missions

At one point, the Iranians even asked France to intercede with the United States to convince Washington to allow Britain to make a shipment of aircraft parts to Tehran. But Washington refused. President Rafsanjani, desperately needing Western assistance for the ailing Iranian economy, then decided to speed up the hostages' release.

TERRY WAITE

Telephone call ends wife's five years of loneliness and pain

By RAY CLANCY

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A TELEPHONE call from Damascus last night conveyed Terry Waite's first private message to his wife, who has waited silently for his return for almost five years.

Frances Waite, surrounded by her husband's mother and other members of the family, took the call from his brother David, who had travelled to Damsacus to be the first relative to greet the former hostage. The call marked the end of almost five years of aching loneliness for Mrs Waite.

For Terry Waite's mother, Lena, aged 77, it was also a moment of immense relief. Yesterday was the day that she feared she would never live to see. She travelled from her home in Lymm, Cheshire, to be in London with the rest of the family.

The Waites learnt on Saturday that there was a very good chance that he was about to be released. Frances Waite calmly covered her furniture with dust sheets, packed a small suitcase, and was taken to a secret location in London to wait for further news.

Since her husband's disappeared in January 1987, she has kept a low profile. Mrs Waite, a quiet and shy woman of 50, has striven to protect her children, Ruth and Clare, twins aged 26, Gillian, aged 25, and Mark, aged 20, from the almost incessant publicity generated by their father's captivity. She has refused to speak in public, leaving David Waite and the brothers' cousin, John Waite, to act as family spokesmen.

The two men were always willing to be interviewed. They talked about how the family's Christian faith helped and at first avoided political statements or criticism of the government. After two years, however, they felt compelled to be more forthright.

David Waite, who lives in Witney, Oxfordshire, called for diplomatic relations between Syria and Britain to be restored. He also said that a special emissary ought to be sent to Iran to talk about the hostages.

The family experienced frustration, dashed hopes and deep sadness. They endured many false and hurtful rumours and became deeply sceptical about press reports. The stories included reports that Terry Waite was dead, that he had suffered a heart attack, had converted to Islam, had been sent to Iran and had been injured during an escape attempt. It is no wonder that they found it difficult to believe that this time Terry really was free.

Frances Waite spent the lonely hours helping others. Almost every day she has looked after the elderly at a home near her house in Blackheath, southeast London. Preparing meals, washing up, making beds, and oother such simple tasks helped her to cope with the disappearance of her husband.

The couple married in 1964 after meeting in London. Two weeks later Mrs Waite experienced the first of many separations when her new husband announced that he was off to Geneva for a two-week conference on church affairs. In a rare interview given in 1984, she described Terry's life as being "a mixture of ifs, when and maybe". She said of his frequent travels abroad: "I could usually manage to remain in control for about five weeks, then I would feel the pressure."

Friends say it is a miracle that she has coped with almost five years of pressure and she has her husband's survival with her own triumph over torment and trauma. Eve Keatley, who was a Lambeth Palace press officer and has known Mrs Waite since 1979, said: "She has got terrific guts. She is a very brave and resourceful woman and it is her courage, determination and sense of humour that have kept the family together.".

When other hostages were released the family found it difficult to cope, but such events also brought hope. John Waite said: "John McCarthy has been a real inspiration. He emerged from his ordeal like he had just gone for a Sunday stroll in a park. That gave us hope that they wouldn't have broken Terry's spirit."

One other man inspired the family. Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury kept in constant touch with the Waites, strengthening their Christian faith and refusing to let them believe that Terry would not survive. John Waite said: "He has been a real pillar of strength. He is a marvellous man."

A candle has burned brightly at All Saints Church, Blackheath, for Terry ever since he disappeared. Last night, as friends gathered at the church to take part in a thanksgiving service, the Rev Henry Burgin said: "This is a day of great joy.

Clifford Longley, page 14

The Rev Henry Burgin lighting a candle: a nightly task he has maintained for five years

Runcie waits to welcome envoy

By PETER VICTOR

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"WELL done, it has been a very long time," were the words with which Lord Runcie said he would welcome home his special envoy.

"I am delighted and thrilled," the former Archbishop of Canterbury said. "I can hardly believe it has happened all so quickly today. I am waiting for a summons which will enable me to know exactly when Terry is going to be over here. The first thing I am going to say to him is 'welcome, well done, it has been a very long time, we have a lot to catch up with'."

Lord Runcie said he hoped that Terry Waite's release would signal the imminent release of Terry Anderson — who has been held captive for almost seven years — and an acceleration of the exchange of hostages in the Middle East. "I think it's the result of pressure from Iran to remove this obstacle to their re-entry into the international community," he said.

The process leading to yesterday's announcement had gone quicker than he had expected, Lord Runcie said. "But I felt something was happening. When you've had five years of hostage watching you tend to be able to distinguish between the bogus and the ones that have got substance. I felt this had substance. The time was right."

He said that strident voices in the Lebanon had tried to delay the release process. Some had said Israel was not playing its part. Lord Runcie said, however, that he thought other factions in the Middle East had resisted pressure from these other strident voices and had pressed for Mr Waite's release.

Lord Runcie said he had been concerned about Mr Waite's health, especially while he was being held in isolation. "I was encouraged by the reports of John McCarthy that the end of isolation — which must have been terrible for Terry — has made a big difference and he quickly sparkled to life when he was in company again."

"Mr Waite would have stood up to his ordeal much better than many would have imagined," Lord Runcie said. "Terry has more inner resources than people sometimes imagine. He was in Uganda working for the Anglican church for seven years during the Amin regime.

"There were some horrendous experiences there; visiting groups of prisoners with bodies piled around the cell. He had to take part in the amputation of a colleague's leg on one of the roads. He also had to deliver one of his own children in very remote circumstances."

Lord Runcie criticised those who had carped at Mr Waite's past efforts. "He hadn't had an easy life of jet travel as some people imagined when they used to mock his efforts at getting people out of Iran and Damascus. I was confident that he could endure a great deal and that has been proved.

"There have been people whose judgment I respected who took a gloomy view and doubted whether he was alive. The silence [on Mr Waite's whereabouts] was difficult to understand and to interpret. But I can't think of any time when I thought he was not alive.

"Sometimes it's been suggested that those who weren't making headline efforts have been sitting on their bottoms. I think Terry understood very well that for the sake of ending hostage taking that we didn't leap around making dramatic gestures which achieve nothing."

PETER TREVNOR

End of their vigil: Frances Waite, top left, wife of the church envoy, and his cousin, John Waite, right, who acted as spokesman for the family. Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, below left, kept in constant touch with the family

Doctors smooth way back to a state of self-reliance

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

TERRY Waite will be greeted at RAF Lyneham by a medical team now well used to providing medical and psychological counselling to released hostages. Both John McCarthy and Jackie Mann spent time at the Wiltshire base after their release from Lebanon.

The first medical checks will be made in flight. Terry Waite has suffered from asthma, so it is likely that the medical team on the RAF VC-10 will give him a lung test. If medical treatment is needed, RAF Lyneham is only a short helicopter ride from the RAF hospital at Wroughton.

Initially, it is likely that the sheer joy of freedom will carry Terry Waite along. "Former hostages often perform very well on television as a result of their exhilaration," says Dr James Thompson, senior lecturer in psychiatry at University College and Middlesex School of Medicine in London, a specialist in the treatment of hostages. "They come across as normal, but then after a few days things begin to fade and life starts pressing in. They are asked to take decisions for the first time in years — what they want to do, whether they want to talk to the media, that kind of thing. They can find the emotional pace too much."

For this reason, hostages are encouraged to spend some days or weeks in relative seclusion — a paradox after they have spent so long alone, but a necessary re-introduction to the world. The freed hostage Brian Keenan said: "It may sound strange but on being released there is a desperate need to be alone."

The psychological symptoms of freed hostages generally include unwanted recollections of captivity, anxiety, irritability, difficulties of concentration and depression. The apparent improvements in the way hostages have been treated, to make them "more presentable" on their release, should diminish these symptoms, Dr Thompson believes. The fact that hostages have been able to talk to one another has even provided a degree of group therapy.

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Earlier hostages found the resumption of social life traumatic. "After so many months in silence, he had forgotten how to talk properly," said Mrs Joelle Kauffman, the wife of a French photographer freed after three years' captivity in Beirut. "Words just came out in a torrent. He had forgotten about ordinary noises too, about light and other people's normal voices."

The freed hostage's family also need to be considered. "The whole family will need the support of friends and the church," Dr Thompson says. The man who returns will not be quite the same as the one they lost, he believes. Louisa Kennedy, whose husband was held in the 444-day siege of the US Embassy in Tehran, said: "Your first worry is: 'Has he changed? Is it going to destroy my marriage?' "

● The hostages held by Islamic Jihad spent their days playing with home-made packs of cards, reading books about the Iranian Revolution and taking part in Bible readings. Their breakfast was usually bread and cheese; there was ice cream on their birthdays and the occasional glimpse of Lebanese television when they were allowed to watch *Dallas* and *Dynasty*.

But the grim routine began to change last October when it became apparent to the hostage-takers that they might have to free their charges to a critical world. For Terry Waite, the first sign was when magazines, a radio and air-conditioning were provided and the hostages were allowed to be together.

"There's a lot of good camaraderie between them all," John McCarthy said after his release. "Terry has not lost his sense of humour. He's not lost his faith. He's had a Bible with him the whole of the time.

Lyttle: tireless worker for Lebanon hostages

Man who never gave up

By ANDREW MCEWEN AND RUTH GLEDHILL

THE CHURCH

THE man who did more than anyone to secure Terry Waite's release will not be there to see him return home.

John Lyttle, the former Archbishop of Canterbury's secretary for public affairs, died in April. He spent more than four years negotiating for Mr Waite's release, travelling to all parts of the Middle East.

In spite of a serious heart condition, which eventually killed him, Mr Lyttle was tireless in exploring all possible avenues. He was tough, single-minded, and undeterred by the hostility of Downing Street to some of his initiatives.

Mr Lyttle, a former Labour party official and chief officer of the Race Relations Board, was invited to work at Lambeth Palace by Lord Runcie as his principal adviser on government affairs. He arrived on January 10, 1987. Three days later Mr Waite was kidnapped.

Mr Lyttle was succeeded by Francis Witts, who has also been working behind the scenes to good effect and who must take some of the credit for yesterday's releases.

Mr Witts, aged 50, flew to Cyprus with Terry Waite's brother David early yesterday morning. He had made the same trip twice before: in August when John McCarthy was released with the first, firm news that Terry Waite was alive and well, and in September when Jack Mann was handed over.

Lambeth Palace was yesterday crediting United Nations staff with the most crucial role in the releases, but Mr Witts's efforts, too, have undoubtedly helped.

Outside world spun on unseen

By MATTHEW d'ANCONA

MISSING YEARS

AS HE opens a British newspaper today for the first time nearly five years, Terry Waite is perhaps reflecting that 1,763 days is a very long time indeed in the world of politics.

When Mr Waite was kidnapped in Beirut in January 1987, Mrs Thatcher was in No 10, Nigel Lawson, Viscount Whitelaw and Sir Geoffrey Howe were in the cabinet, and Michael Heseltine had recently returned to the back benches. Labour was unilateralist and Sir David Steel was Liberal leader.

The community charge was still the government's flagship policy. Green issues had yet to reach the mainstream agenda and the theory of global warming was scoffed at by most scientists.

While Mr Waite languished in a Lebanese cell, George Bush was elected US president, Soviet troops withdrew from Afghanistan, the Berlin Wall came down, and pro-democracy demonstrators were massacred in Tiananmen Square. From Santiago to Prague, dictatorships crumbled and free elections swept the world, as the cold war gave way to a new world order.

Events in the Soviet Union unfolded at a giddy pace. As Mikhail Gorbachev's moment passed, Boris Yeltsin rose from the political fringes of the Politburo to the presidency of Russia. In the Middle East, the Gulf war pitted the western alliance against a dictator that it had armed, triggered an environmental disaster and strengthened the general resolve to find a settlement in the Middle East — a diplomatic aftermath with which Mr Waite's fate has been entwined.

He will also learn the full horrors of the human tragedies which have scarred the news pages during his absence: the Lockerbie disaster, the sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise, the Piper Alpha explosion and the death of 95 football fans at Hillsborough

There will be plenty for the released envoy to absorb as he adjusts to the changed landscape of Britain — the Rushdie Affair, satellite television and *Neighbours* among others. Whatever snippets he has gleaned from the BBC World Service, he may well find that life in 1991 takes some time to come to terms with.

Joy and sadness in family as American hostage is freed

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THOMAS SUTHERLAND

IN A cruel twist of fate, Thomas Sutherland was released after six years as a hostage in Lebanon just two days after his father-in-law's death from cancer.

"We don't know whether to celebrate or to mourn,' said Kit Sutherland, daughter of the Scottish-born academic who had been held longer than any hostage save Terry Anderson. "Half the family is on its way to Ames [Iowa] for my grandfather's funeral. Half the family is on its way to Colorado for Dad's homecoming."

Mr Sutherland, a naturalised American, was kidnapped in Beirut on June 9, 1985 by the Islamic Jihad when several gunmen shot out the windscreen and tyres of the car that was taking him from the city's airport to the American university.

He had just returned from a trip to the United States for his daughter Kit's graduation from the Colorado university. His wife, Jean, had remained in Colorado to finish a doctoral dissertation.

Mr Sutherland, aged 60, was then acting dean of agriculture at the university and had lived in Beirut for two years. Before taking the job he had discussed the dangers with his family but shrugged them off.

"He thought it would be a real adventure," said Ann, another of his three daughters. "He liked going to new places and meeting new people. He knew the risks but he wasn't scared off." He had stayed in spite of the kidnapping of another university employee just months earlier.

Mr Sutherland, a science graduate from Glasgow University, moved to the United States in the 1950s. Having been awarded a master's degree and PhD from Iowa state university, he joined Colorado state university at Fort Collins as a professor of animal sciences.

Several released hostages took news of Mr Sutherland to his family, telling them that even in captivity he had remembered to celebrate Robert Burns's birthday.

His wife continued to teach at the American university after his capture and said last year that she believed from what he had told his fellow hostages that he wanted to remain at the university after his release.

"The four things that meant most to Tom ... are his home, his family, his work and his friends and he found all four of those here in Beirut," she said on the sixth anniversary of his capture earlier this year. Apart from his daughters, who all live in the United States, he has one granddaughter, aged four. Former hostages say Mr Sutherland saw a picture of his grandchild that Mrs Sutherland had placed in a Lebanese newspaper. Mr Sutherland's captors never released any photographs of him.

● Marjorie Lally, niece of Tom Sutherland heard the news of his release yesterday from her hospital bed at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, hours after discovering she had lost her baby. She said she was "over the moon" at the news of her uncle's release but she wanted to see his face on television to be sure he had been freed.

Mrs Lally, who was taken to the medical centre on Saturday and suffered her second miscarriage said: "I spoke to my father, William, who is Tom's brother, this lunchtime, and he was very emotional."

Sutherland: shrugged off Beirut's dangers and welcomed prospect of "real adventure"

THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR

Casey desperate to free agent haemorrhaging secrets under torture

CIA 'asked Waite to intervene'

Tracing the origins of the Iran-Contra affair has raised many unanswered questions about the key players, writes **Nigel West**

Last exit: the last photograph before his kidnap of Terry Waite, being driven to a secret destination in Beirut on January 20, 1987, by two Druze bodyguards

WHY was Terry Waite seized by Hezbollah and what was his relationship with the CIA? Was he a naive dupe or was he a ruthlessly manipulated agent in a clandestine operation to secure the release of one of the CIA's most important senior officers? Only Mr Waite can answer this question. Oliver North has refused to do so and the only other person in a position to clarify these issues, William Casey, President Reagan's CIA director, is now dead.

Mr Waite's abduction in Beirut followed soon after the leak of Colonel North's secret testimony to the Tower Commission. When confronted with the awkward disclosure that he had held several covert meetings with Colonel North, and was to be quoted directly in published version, Mr Waite only denied that he had known the full details of the arms-for-hostages deals.

Ignoring urgent advice that his role as an intermediary had been hopelessly compromised, he confirmed his intention to return to Beirut in January 1987. His last visit was overshadowed by the disclosure of Robert Oakley, the former head of the State Department's office for combatting terrorism, that "North helped Waite by arranging planes, shelter and protection for him".

Mr Waite's involvement with the American hostages in Lebanon began when Mr Casey had exhausted every avenue in his increasingly desperate attempts to obtain the release of William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut who was snatched by Hezbollah gunmen outside his apartment on March 16, 1984. Mr Waite's role was to supply a plausible reason to explain publicly the anticipated release of the American hostages. In particular, the CIA wanted Buckley freed before he could compromise the many priceless secrets he possessed.

Although other Americans had been grabbed, the CIA was especially concerned about Buckley who had a wealth of experience and was the CIA's principal expert on counter-terrorism techniques. The CIA director was determined to recover Buckley before his abductors learned of the importance of their prize. He was also desperately concerned about the morale of his own staff if he failed to find his Station Chief.

It was when the TWA flight was hijacked by Hezbollah in June 1985, and the gunmen demonstrated their detailed knowledge of American countermeasures, that it became obvious that Buckley, after months of torture and maltreatment, had finally succumbed to his interrogators. Throughout the TWA incident the hijackers were always one step ahead of the Americans and the specialist units deployed to seize back the aircraft, using tactics that had been so successful at Mogadishu and Entebbe, were forced to wait idly in Cyprus. In the end the Israelis were persuaded to surrender hundreds of fundamentalist prisoners in return for the American passengers.

The fact that Buckley was evidently haemorrhaging the secrets of Delta Force, whose training he had supervised at Fort Bragg, and disclosing vital intelligence from the CIA's secret inter-agency anti-terrorism task force, compelled Mr Casey to authorise drastic and illegal action. He also feared that morale within the CIA would plummet if he failed to do everything possible to find Buckley. The difficulty with his controversial arms-for-hostages scheme was that during the Iran-Iraq war it was illegal to supply arms to either side.

A United Nations embargo was in force and if the CIA were involved inevitably Congress would find out because of the watchdog system of oversight committees. However, Mr Casey seized on a loophole in the law which excluded the National Security Council from congressional oversight and selected Colonel Oliver North, the NSC staff officer responsible for liaising between the various anti-terrorist agencies, to supervise the transfer of anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles to Iran in return for Buckley's release.

Colonel North was the vital link between the arms salesmen and the CIA, and his involvement lent the CIA "plausible deniability". He was also responsible for liaising with Mr Waite while the complex negotiations with the Iranians were conducted. They met at least five times, in London, New York and Zurich. The first illicit shipment or TOW anti-tank missiles was delivered on August 20, 1985, to Tabriz airport in Iran. This was followed a fortnight later by a second consignment of 405 TOW missiles.

According to the agreement arranged by Colonel North, the Iranians would order Hezbollah to release Buckley into the care of Mr Waite in Beirut once the shipment had been received in Iran and inspected. Mr Waite's role was limited to accompanying Buckley from the agreed rendezvous outside the British embassy in Beirut and into American hands. Apparently, he was not informed of the weapons deal, but merely told that Buckley was about to be freed into his custody. In the event, on September 15, the Iranians double-crossed Colonel North, and Mr Waite instead found himself greeting another cleric, the Rev Benjamin Weir.

A Presbyterian missionary who had lived in Lebanon for 30 years, Mr Weir had been snatched two months after Buckley, in May 1984. Not only was he enthusiastically pro-Hezbollah and anti-American, but when he was debriefed by Colonel North in Weisbaden he revealed that Buckley had died the previous June.

When the news reached the White House that the Iranians had killed the CIA station chief and freed Mr Weir, a National Security Council adviser, Michael Ledeen, joked that the priest should be returned to Hezbollah.

Despite Weir's confirmation that Buckley was dead, the CIA continued with the sale of missiles in the vain hope of receiving Buckley's body.

Waite's knowledge of these events remain a continuing puzzle which he will soon have to address.

Nigel West (the pen name of Rupert Allason, MP) has written many books on espionage. His Seven Spies Who Changed the World, *which recounts the Buckley case, was published by Secker and Warburg last month*

Envoy was helped by North in efforts to win captives' freedom

FROM JAMES BONE IN OLD GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT

ARMS FOR HOSTAGES

TERRY Waite several times met Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the figure at the centre of the Iran-Contra scandal, but was never involved in American attempts to trade arms for hostages, according to the churchman who set up the meetings.

"Terry was an independent humanitarian," the Rev Samir Habiby, Mr Waite's main contact in America, told *The Times* in an exclusive interview. "I have never believed, and refuse to believe, that he was ever used by the American administration. Indeed, he related to other persons who had resources that could be helpful and used them when they could be useful," he said.

Mr Habiby first became involved in attempts to free Western hostages taken in Lebanon after an American diplomat, Mr William Buckley, was kidnapped in Beirut in March 1984. At about the same time, Mr Waite was contacted by the Presbyterian Church, which was seeking the release of Dr Benjamin Weir, a Presbyterian minister abducted in Beirut in May 1984. The two began to work together to free the hostages.

Mr Habiby and Mr Waite held a series of meetings in Washington on May 9, 1985, with State Department officials and members of the staff of George Bush, then vice-president, who was responsible for humanitarian affairs. Mr Waite later met Mr Bush at the White House in November 1985.

The administration informed the church that Colonel North had been appointed to co-ordinate American efforts to free the hostages. On May 18, 1985, he flew to New York and met Mr Waite for the first time. Further meetings took place at Heathrow airport in July 1985, at Lambeth Palace in the late summer of 1985, in the company of Vice-president Bush at the White House in November 1985, in New York in January 1986, at La Guardia airport in August 1986.

Mr Waite undertook secret contacts with Kuwait on the fate of 17 members of the radical Shia muslim al-Dawaa party imprisoned in the Gulf state for terrorist attacks. The kidnappers had demanded that Kuwait free the 17, three of whom had been sentenced to death. Mr Waite met Kuwaiti diplomats in Geneva three times, accompanied by Mr Habiby.

On the day Mr Waite was kidnapped, Mr Habiby telephoned to warn him that the situation in Lebanon had taken a sudden turn for the worse. A Lebanese, Mohammed Ali Hamadi, had been arrested at Frankfurt airport six days earlier carrying explosives. His brother was the security chief of the Hezbollah leader Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah. American authorities were seeking Mr Hamadi's extradition to face trial for the hijacking of a TWA airliner at Beirut in 1985.

Some time after the telephone call, having abandoned his Druze bodyguards for an unscheduled meeting at the clinic of an eminent Shia doctor, Mr Waite disappeared. The Druze leader, Walid Jumblatt, who had warned Waite against keeping his appointment at the clinic, remained in daily contact with his captors, and kept the then British ambassador in Beirut, Mr John Grey, informed. But all contact ended soon afterwards when Britain rejected Syrian suggestions that diplomatic relations, broken off after the Syrian embassy in London was tied to a plot to blow up an Israeli airliner leaving Heathrow, should be upgraded.

American connections: top, Waite meeting George Bush, then the vice-president, in 1985; and Oliver North, who had "enormous regard" for the archbishop's envoy

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Release revives speculation over US ties

BY DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IRAN-CONTRA is the guns-for-hostages scandal that refuses to die, and the release of Terry Waite will merely enhance its longevity with fresh speculation.

The controversy continues to bubble five years after a small Beirut magazine, tipped off by Iranian hardliners opposed to any dealings with the "Great Satan", first broke the story that nearly destroyed the second Reagan administration. In the months before, Oliver North and Mr Waite were often together at meetings where the hostages in Lebanon were discussed.

But Mr North carefully *chooses his words when asked* if the man he credits with "incredible" courage and he were working in tandem. He neither entirely denies nor confirms the connection. When together they were usually in the company of others as Mr Waite worked as a representative of both the Anglican and Episcopalian churches. If there were secret strategy meetings, they are yet to be revealed.

The index in Mr North's autobiography *Under Fire*, in which he said he was sure President Reagan knew about the whole operation, lists two references to Mr Waite. In fact there is only one: a single, passing reference about his kidnapping, about the man who the former colonel said he *prayed for every day*.

"I pray that the Good Lord would soften the hearts of those who hold Terry, Terry Anderson and the others, that they might be returned to their families," he told BBC television's *Panorama* last week.

Asked if he had used Mr Waite as a cover for his operations he told the interviewer: "I don't think its helpful to Terry or any of the hostages to talk about what his relationship was or wasn't in that its easy to misunderstand anything that I might say, any denial I might give, and there is no point in exposing him to further jeopardy."

OLIVER NORTH

Interviewer: "Do you think he *was innocent victim of this* affair?"

North: "Certainly he is an innocent victim."

Interviewer: "Do you feel any responsibility about the fact that an envoy who you worked with ended up as a hostage?"

North: "I feel an incredible sadness that a man I know personally, a man for whom I have enormous regard for his courage and his selflessness on behalf of his fellow men, has been for years chained in a dungeon in Beirut."

Interviewer: "And do you feel any responsibility for that?"

North: "I would just as soon be there."

Interviewer: "Are you a man now who is essentially repenting of mistakes made, or do *you believe that what you did* was right?"

North: "I'm a frail, flawed mortal just like the rest of us, I make mistakes every single day ... The endeavours in which I was involved, were frought with error and human frailty. I believe that the goals in both cases were noble."

Recent Senate hearings to confirm Robert Gates as CIA director were dominated by questions of what he had and had not known of the secret deal whereby Iran was provided with arms in exchange for the release of hostages when he was the Agency's deputy director. After four-and-a-half years and more than $25 million (£14.2 million), Lawrence Walsh, the Iran-Contra prosecutor, has *prosecuted a dozen protagonists*. Despite several convictions, not one had served a day in prison.

'Scoop' exposes Tehran links

By HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

THE best indication that Tehran continues to be involved in the release of Western hostages in Lebanon came last Saturday.

As soon as Iranian representatives in south Beirut received assurances from Hezbollah leaders that the last hurdles in the way of liberating another two captives had been cleared, they passed the news to an Iranian reporter writing for the *Tehran Times*, a mouthpiece in the Iranian capital of President Rafsanjani, which immediately issued a press statement.

The newspaper said that two Western hostages would be released "soon", and that they would consist of a Briton and an American. It was immediately clear that the Briton could be no other than Terry Waite, the last British citizen in Lebanese captivity and the best known of all the hostages.

The haste that the newspaper displayed in advertising its exclusive was typical of its record as the harbinger of good news for the Western captives. The Rafsanjani camp within the ruling clerical establishment that controls the publication wanted to demonstrate it had power over the fate of the hostages.

The Iran government's recent eagerness to give its blessing to the releases, however, contrasts with some of its other policies towards Western powers. While it has been "using its influence" over the kidnappers, it has also tried to capture the leadership of the rejectionist Islamic governments opposing the American-sponsored Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Indeed, President Rafsanjani, who is often portrayed in the West as a moderate, told a Tehran conference of the rejectionists at the end of September that Iran was ready to send an army to fight Israel and that all the Arab participants in the Madrid conference were traitors.

But the answer to why he has agreed to give up his last lever of pressure on Britain may be close at hand. Whitehall announced three weeks ago that it had forgiven Iran several million pounds in "defence liabilities", and that it was hoped the trend would continue.

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Orkney council seeks state cash to stay in abuse enquiry

The government will receive an ultimatum from Orkney islands' council this week over the child abuse enquiry. Kerry Gill reports.

Lee: his lawyers withdrew from judicial enquiry

ORKNEY islands' council is threatening to pull out of the judicial enquiry into the Orkney child abuse affair unless the Scottish Office provides funds for its legal costs. The government will be told this week that the council is "seriously considering" such action.

A council delegation will meet Michael Forsyth, Scottish minister of state, to try to persuade him that without government funding the council will be forced to withdraw from the enquiry, already costing Orkney £36,000 a week.

The enquiry, which entered its 55th day of evidence yesterday, is into how nine local children were seized from their homes by police and social workers in February after allegations of sexual abuse.

The council is paying its own costs as well as those of Gordon Sloan, the interim reporter to the Orkney children's panel at the time of the dawn raids on four family homes on the island of South Ronaldsay. About £400,000 has been spent by the council on legal fees.

Lawyers for Paul Lee, the islands' social work director, withdrew last week after the British Association of Social Workers, which was paying Mr Lee's costs, said they could no longer do so. The council delegation is expected to ask Mr Forsyth to consider providing Mr Lee's costs as well.

Lord Clyde, the enquiry chairman, said yesterday that he was concerned about the future progress of the enquiry. He said that at the weekend he had discussed with Alan Rodger, the Solicitor-general for Scotland, and senior Scottish Office representatives the threats by several parties to withdraw from the enquiry. Strathclyde region has also indicated that it would consider withdrawing if Orkney council did so.

Lord Clyde said: "I expressed my very serious concern at the possibility of losing the active participation of any party to the enquiry and in particular of losing the assistance of their representatives. That assistance has been of very great value." He said the enquiry had nation-wide implications. "We cannot foresee what recommendations may emerge. Its relevance may well be found, at the end of the enquiry, to extend far beyond Orkney."

Donald Macfadyen, QC, told Lord Clyde that it was estimated that the enquiry would last until next spring or the summer. Orkney islands' council narrowly voted to give Mr Forsyth time to come up with a funding package.

Alastair Scholes, the vice-convener, who argued that the council should pull out if the Scottish Office refused to provide the total cost to Orkney, said: "The message from the public is quite clear, stop this expenditure and stop it today."

One councillor, Howie Firth, said: "We are simply saying that we just don't have the money for this enquiry. We are not running away, we are in the eye of the storm."

Other councillors said that the present system of enquiries meant that there was "poor men's and rich men's funding", and that the outcome could not be fair if some parties were forced to pull out because of lack of money. The cost and length of the enquiry has caused serious public concern. While the Scottish Office originally expected it to last little more than three months, legal sources said last week that, given its present pace, it could last until March, 1993.

The revised estimate provided by Mr Macfadyen will depend on how long it takes to hear evidence on interviewing techniques of children in care and evidence provided by the four families concerned.

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Teenage girl 'hired by family to kill sleeping stepfather'

A TEENAGE girl was hired by a family to murder their hated stepfather as he slept in bed beside his wife, a jury was told yesterday.

Louise Price, now aged 18, was promised an £8,000 share of the man's £40,000 life insurance policy if she carried out the killing, a jury at Oxford crown court was told. The carefully planned plot only failed when Price lost her nerve as she stood over Terence Reeves armed with a carving knife and a Stanley knife, the court was told.

Anthony King, for the prosecution, said that Mr Reeves, aged 44, woke up and was slashed across the body as he struggled with the girl in the bedroom of his home in Wheatley, Oxfordshire.

Mr King said that the plot was hatched between Mr Reeves's wife Christina, aged 44, his stepson Paul Reeves, aged 18, stepdaughter Denise Cresswell, aged 21, and her husband David, aged 23.

Mr King said that the Cresswells met Louise Price at a party in July last year. The following day they told her about the family plan to kill Mr Reeves. Price had a difficult family background and sympathised. She agreed to help in return for the £8,000 payment.

Price, of Blackbird Leys, Oxford, and Christina Reeves, of Wheatley, both admit conspiracy to murder. Paul Reeves, of Little Milton, Oxford, and Denise and David Cresswell of Radley, Oxford, all deny the charge. David Cresswell also denies wounding Mr Reeves with intent.

Mr King said that Price was driven to the family's home at 2am on August 20 last year by David Cresswell. She climbed into the house through a window which had been purposely left open. The mains electricity had been switched off, telephone wires pulled out of the wall and valuables removed to make it look as if a burglary had taken place. Mr King said that it had been arranged that sleeping pills would be slipped into Mr Reeves's late night drink by his wife.

Armed with the two knives, and wearing industrial gloves lent to her by David Cresswell, Price crept up the stairs to the bedroom, Mr King said. "As she stood over the bed where Terence Reeves was asleep, it would appear her courage failed her and she hesitated for a moment.

"Terence Reeves woke, he challenged the intruder, he tried to switch on the lights but of course they wouldn't work. He got from his bed and at that moment Louise Price struck a number of times, using the weapons she had. He grappled with her, pinned her to the ground and she slashed at him.

"He seized hold of the carving knife and twisted it. Meanwhile it would seem his wife rather than come to her husband's assistance as he was shouting for help, stood there hysterically doing nothing."

Mr Reeves staggered from the house and was found by neighbours lying in a pool of blood in the garden. His wife helped Price to escape by letting her out of the house before police were called, Mr King said. Mr Reeves had since made a full recovery.

Mr King told the jury: "The idea was to make this murder look as if it was the result of some burglary where the intruder had broken into the house and surprised Terence Reeves and stabbed him in his bed as he was asleep beside his wife — one of the conspirators.

"The method Terence Reeves should be killed by was discussed, they discussed the question of a gun but disposed of that idea because it would make too much noise. They were fully embarked on a determined course of action to dispose of Terence Reeves."

Mr King said the plot was laid because Christina Reeves was on bad terms with her husband after he had driven Denise and Paul — children from her previous marriage — from the family home. He said: "There are allegations that Terence Reeves was an unpleasant man to his wife. She obviously wished to divorce her husband and left him for a short time but was persuaded to return because she had no money and she was concerned about the welfare of her eight-year-old handicapped daughter Sarah. Christina Reeves made clear her intention of doing away with him on a number of occasions."

Mr King said that Mr Reeves's wife was the central figure in the conspiracy and had recruited others to help her.

The trial continues today.

IRA names girl, 18, as bomber

By STEWART TENDLER AND EDWARD GORMAN

A BELFAST girl aged 18 was named by the IRA yesterday as one of the two bombers killed when their device exploded prematurely last Friday yards from a hall in St Albans where the band of The Blues and Royals was playing.

In a statement, the IRA identified the dead girl as Patricia Black, and her dead companion as Frankie Ryan, aged 25, also from Belfast. They were involved, according to the statement, in an operation aimed at "a specific military target. Claims by the British authorities that they were involved in an attack on a concert are inaccurate and misleading".

The statement could mean that the couple had planned to attack the band's bus rather than the concert hall, which was well guarded. Police said yesterday, however, that the bus would also have been kept secure. Last night a police source said that the two names were thought to be known to the RUC. Scotland Yard detectives accepted the identification of the dead girl but were not prepared to take the IRA's word for the man.

Patricia Black is understood to have left her home in the Lenadoon area of Andersonstown, west Belfast, earlier this month to go to the Irish republic. One of four children, she was unemployed and said to be a loner. It was understood that relatives had never suspected she had any involvement with the IRA. The man named as the second dead bomber came from the Poleglass area on the outskirts of Belfast. Both were single.

Yesterday, the search continued of the area close to where the bomb exploded. An inquest on the dead couple is likely to be opened later in the week once post-mortem examinations have been held. Police are expected to issue photographs shortly to try to find the safehouse used by the bombers. They are also anxious to discover whether other members of an active service unit were seen with the couple.

There is still no evidence as to how the two got to St Albans, indicating that they might have been driven in by an accomplice, who fled after the premature blast.

● Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, made clear yesterday that there were no preparations in progress for the reintroduction of internment of terrorist suspects without trial in the province. He said, however, that the government believed that internment should remain an option.

Police are accused over escape

SPECIAL Branch detectives helped to plan the escape of two IRA suspects from Brixton prison in an attempt to capture terrorists, a television report claims tonight.

A prison officer working as a police informant befriended Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley and suggested the escape to win their confidence and gain information, according to a Thames TV investigation. It was thought he was helping Staffordshire Special Branch to investigate the murder of a soldier at Lichfield station and the attempted assassination of Sir Peter Terry, former governor of Gibraltar, in September 1990.

The IRA suspects asked the informant for a gun and Staffordshire officers said they could provide one, possibly disarmed, says the report. The Special Branch decided to abort the Brixton operation in February but five months later Quinlivan and McAuley successfully executed the escape plan.

The Thames Report programme claims the operation was carried out by Staffordshire police without the knowledge of the prison authorities, the Metropolitan Police Special Branch and Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad. The prison officer turned informant was transferred to a prison in the north of England but has been on sick leave since the escape and is living under police guard.

The report is to be raised in Parliament. Two Labour MPs, Tony Banks and Peter Archer, will ask the home secretary, Kenneth Baker, whether the Staffordshire operation "led directly or indirectly to the escape" and whether the IRA suspects had access to plans of the prison from the informant.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Coalition special: a model sports a "spring election special" at a charity fashion show at Harrods yesterday. The hat, by Graham Smith of Kangol, uses the Tory blue torch in straw, Labour's red rose and yellow trim for the Liberal Democrats

Audiences offered a lead role

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

MAIDEN hearts in deepest Surrey aflutter for actors appearing at the Thorndike Theatre in Leatherhead, or bachelors from the Surrey Downs, with a secret admiration for Liz Fraser or Dulcie Gray, might have their prayers answered. They can adopt their idols.

The Thorndike, £200,000 in debt this year, is asking audiences to adopt an actor to help it out of its financial straits. "We have a loyal audience and we thought they might like to help us by 'adopting' some of the actors appearing here," said Gordon Stratford, the administrator.

"We want people to adopt an actor for the cost of having them here, which is usually their salary of about £200 a week. To adopt an actor for a production would cost £1,200 and the adopters could take a pride in knowing the show could not have been seen without their help."

This would buy tea with your idol, admission to a press night party and a seat "at a performance of your choice". There is an ascending scale: £800 for a musician for four weeks and £3,500 to parent an usherette for a year.

The Thorndike was rescued from closure year ago by the producer Bill Kenwright, but it continues as an independent theatre on a grant of £165,000, which has remained unchanged for five years.

Mr Stratford has had one response so far, from a lady who wants to adopt the actor David Roper, and is keen to know if Mr Roper is married. Sadly for her, he is not due to appear at the Thorndike.

Translink firms fined over death

Five Channel tunnel construction companies were fined £125,000 yesterday after being convicted of failing to ensure the safety of a worker killed in an accident in January last year (*Michael Dynes writes*).

Keith Lynch, a grouter aged 34, was crushed by a train carrying concrete lining segments as he tried to retrieve equipment from the tracks. He was the fourth of seven workers to die on the British side.

Translink Joint Venture, made up of Wimpey, Taylor Woodrow, Tarmac, Costain, and Balfour Beatty, was found guilty at Maidstone crown court of failing to provide a look-out at the rear of the train. The fine is the largest imposed on Channel tunnel construction companies. The contractors agreed earlier to pay £230,000 damages to Mr Lynch's family.

Sailor jailed for killing

A merchant navy seaman was jailed for seven years yesterday for the manslaughter of a crewmate aboard the Sir Galahad during the Gulf war in February.

Brian Craggs, aged 27, of Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, told Oxford crown court that he had acted in self defence when he stabbed Maurice Foy, from Dublin, after a fight. Mr Justice Rougier said that Craggs had been under strain during the war and that the verdict showed he did not intend to kill Mr Foy. Craggs was cleared of murder.

Promoter to stay in jail

Ambrose Mendy, of Wanstead, east London, the sports promoter serving a 30-month jail sentence for commercial fraud, was cleared of one of two conspiracy counts against him by the Court of Appeal, although the sentence stands. Mendy had been jailed for 30 months concurrent on each charge and the appeal judges rejected his plea to be freed.

Mendy was jailed for conspiracy to defraud. Yesterday, one of the convictions was quashed because of a procedural irregularity in the recording of the jury's verdict.

GPs' new battle

The family doctors in the sexual harassment slander case met in court again yesterday. Dr Alanah Houston, who last month was ordered to pay £150,000 damages to her ex-partner, Dr Malcolm Smith, has begun a county court action to try to force him to sell his share of their Northampton surgery. After a brief hearing in chambers at Northampton the case was adjourned to the High Court.

Stabbing verdict

A British woman's former father-in-law was convicted by an Egyptian court yesterday of trying to murder her as she tried to take her children from him. Mohammed Abdel-Salam el-Sawy was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and fined about £9,000 for stabbing Pamela Green, aged 37, of London, who is in dispute with her Egyptian-born ex-husband over custody of their three children.

Couple remanded

Mark Evans and Sheila Stroud, both aged 30, of Staunton, were remanded in custody by Cheltenham magistrates yesterday accused of kidnapping and attempting to murder Ivor Stokle, aged 32, and Pauline Leyshon, aged 42, of Gloucester, last Friday.

Fund wound up

The Lockerbie air disaster fund has been wound up. Most of the £2.4 million donated has been used to help those affected by the disaster. The balance of £235,000 will be transferred to a trust to benefit the local community, the trustees said yesterday.

Hospitals reduce treatment target

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

MORE than one in four hospitals say they will have to reduce the number of patients they planned to treat this year in order to stay within budget, a survey finds today.

The survey, from the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts (NAHA), is based on 184 hospitals, including trusts, and 100 health districts. It shows that most hospitals have treated more patients than they had contracted for in the first six months of the year and that, consequently, many expect to have to restrict operations to balance their books before next March.

Health authorities, however, expect to break even this year without taking extra measures, because most have not paid more to hospitals where the number of patients treated has risen above the numbers agreed in contracts.

The study, part of the association's annual autumn survey into health service financing, shows that 65 per cent of hospitals expect to take measures to save money before the end of the year, either by doing fewer operations or becoming more efficient. Philip Hunt, NAHA director, said between a quarter and a third of hospitals said they would need to restrict activity, 50 per cent would need to find efficiency savings, about 16 per cent said they were trying to renegotiate contracts with health authorities, and a further 16 per cent said they were trying to negotiate extra work from GP fundholders.

At least 70 per cent of hospitals said they had experienced problems with contracts, mainly due to increased workload and difficulties with billing and payment procedures. However, Mr Hunt said the situation did not look as bad as in 1987-8, when the government gave an extra £100 million.

● An NHS Trust Federation survey today says that 83 per cent of NHS trusts expect to break even or underspend this year. Eight of the 49 trusts that responded out of 57 are expecting to overspend by about £3.3 million in total, with only one trust predicting service reductions.

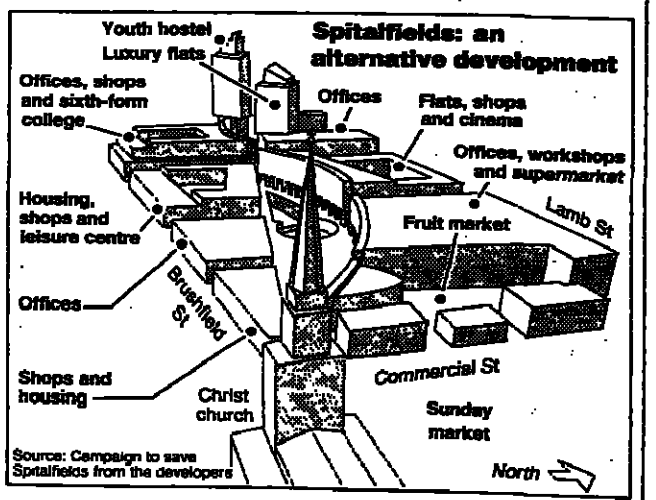
Spitalfields group offers alternative

By MARCUS BINNEY

STRONG opposition has re-emerged to the proposals to develop the Spitalfields market site on the eastern fringe of the City of London.

The Campaign to Save Spitalfields from the Developers today opens an exhibition of alternative proposals, just as the Spitalfields Development Group, which owns the site, was hoping its latest planning applications to the City Corporation and Tower Hamlets would have a clear run. Jil Cove, for the campaign, said: "People in the area need homes, shops, green and open spaces and workshops."

The developers' previous scheme was abandoned when Chris Patten, the environment secretary, announced an enquiry after representations from the Royal Fine Arts Commission and English Heritage.



Source: Campaign to save Spitalfields from the developers

Airlines see sense in looking a gift-horse in the mouth

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

LEADING airlines have forced a change of heart over plans to cut landing charges at London's airports saying that they would prefer better facilities.

The Civil Aviation Authority had intended that landing fees at Heathrow and Gatwick should be reduced 8 per cent below the rate of inflation each year for the next five years. But after 20 airlines wrote calling for the airports' income be preserved, the authority amended its plans. Virgin Atlantic was typical, arguing that it would "rather pay the extra few hundred thousand pounds a year than risk seeing planned developments halted".

The authority, which had believed that the airlines wanted its help in reducing costs was caught unawares by the strength of feeling. "The authority is both disappointed and surprised at the reaction from the airlines," the CAA said yesterday as it unveiled a compromise which will enable BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, to press ahead with plans for a fast rail link to Heathrow and eventually a fifth terminal.

"The general tenor of the responses was that the airlines were much more concerned about capacity being available at the right time than about airport charges," the CAA said in its official report into landing charges for the next five years. "Airlines have complained loudly and at length about the amount and incidence of airport charges in the London area but the responses which the authority received in this consultation tell a different story. Getting capacity in the right place at the right time is seen as far more significant than getting a reduction in charges."

The compromise will cut charges by eight per cent below inflation for the next two years, then four per cent below for one year and one per cent below during the last two years. It will mean that next year, for example, the cost of landing a jumbo jet carrying 265 passengers and parking it for four hours at Heathrow in peak times, will fall by £192 to £4,599. Although this will save the 90 airlines which use London's main airports £12 million next year and £100 million in the five years under review, it is expected to have little impact on air fares. By the end of five years the savings will be virtually nil.

BAA, which mounted an intensive campaign to woo airlines to its cause, and which yesterday announced better than expected half yearly profits of £151 million, was cock-a-hoop. "This provides a basis on which to continue the profitable growth of BAA's airports and also recognises the ambitions of all sections of the aviation industry to provide world class airport facilities for our customers," Sir John Egan, its chief executive, said.

In spite of the CAA's change of heart, he said that BAA's costs would still have to be cut with another 1,400 staff, or 20 per cent of the workforce, being shed by the end of next year. The airports will also increase greatly the space for shopping and other commercial activities to boost revenue.

The development of a new terminal will proceed only if its cost can be trimmed from an original £1.6 billion to £800 million, and further savings are being sought in the Paddington to Heathrow rail link.

"Our main focus will now be on increasing Heathrow's capacity because that is the airport that the airlines and their passengers want to use," Sir John said.

Work is likely to start within months on the Paddington to Heathrow rail link, which will take passengers to the airport in 16 minutes. Planning applications will be made "some time next year".

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Schools urged to identify exceptional children and help them to fulfil their potential

Fast streams suggested for gifted pupils

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

GIFTED children have been ignored by mainstream schools which must learn how to identify them and then teach them appropriately, an independent schools' conference was told yesterday.

Edward Chitham, educational consultant to the National Association of Gifted Children, told the London conference that teachers could use a check-list of characteristics to identify gifted children.

He told the conference organised by the Independent Schools' Joint Council: "Once we are able to identify a gifted child it is possible to change the way that child is taught in order to maximise their learning potential." The two main teaching methods for the gifted used in ordinary schools are to offer more material on the same topic being tackled by the rest of the class, or to give them more advanced work beyond the general ability of the class.

Dr Chitham said that many high ability children learnt very quickly and inevitably became bored if they moved slowly, so it was important to set learning at the pace of the child, perhaps moving them to a more senior class. He said, however, that this should be done with care as it sometimes hindered social development.

He said that gifted children had most, if not all, of the following characteristics: superior reasoning powers; a logical approach to problems; the ability to memorise quickly, sometimes showing amazing powers of memory; the ability to learn easily, possibly having learnt to read early, sometimes before three; the use of a wide vocabulary and complex sentences; the ability to work independently and effectively; creative flair, style, imagination; the ability to be inventive in design and construction; and achieved high scores in intelligence tests.

They may also be highly inquisitive with a wide range of interests, become very absorbed in the task of the moment, be mature for their age and have a well developed sense of humour.

On the down-side, a gifted child may be indecisive, bored, inattentive and careless in basic subjects, show evidence of nervous strain, be unsocial, talk a lot, be unable to put things down on paper, have problems wih spelling and writing, and sometimes appear cheeky to adults and unable to recognise the difference in status.

Children with high abilities often fall into different categories. They may show high potential but are underachieving in relation to their high IQ, or they may have isolated intellectual or other skills, such as sport, art, music and drama. The child whose academic attainments match their exceptional ability is generally regarded as gifted.

One of the biggest collections of bright children in Britain can be found in a small school in south London where the average intelligence quotient is 30 points above the national average of 100. The dividing line for grammar school education is usually 120. James Cussell, the head of Newton Prep School, in Battersea, said that some of the 76 children were "in the stratosphere, well off the top of the normal scale of measurements". Early reading is one of the most reliable signs of a gifted child and Mr Cussell described four of his pupils as "spontaneous readers who had never been taught to read".

MARTIN BEDDALL

Child's play: Chantelle Naraine, left, and Jade Eden, both aged five, experiment with a computer at Newton Prep School in south London

The school is owned by Farouk Walji, a London businessman who runs a textile business and a chain of chemist shops. Dr Walji bought the former secondary school for £950,000, spending another £350,000 on modernisation.

An educational trust has been set up to provide bursaries and scholarships for 18 children to attend the co-educational school, where fees are £650 a term for the morning nursery, £1,100 full-time, £1,145 for children aged four to eight, and £1,350 for eight to 13-year-olds.

Mr Cussell expects the numbers to rise to 110 in January and 250 in September. He said: "There are two essentials in dealing with gifted children. You must have bright teachers, and not just in their academic qualifications, and small classes. These children need teachers who match them and a teacher who is not suitably qualified can feel threatened by them.

"Bright children need a lot of attention and demand a lot and if they don't get it become frustrated and all sorts of behavioural difficulties begin to show themselves."

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Lawyers call for appeals shake-up

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE job of granting leave to appeal against a crown court conviction should be taken from judges and given to a new independent review body with lay members, the Law Society proposed yesterday.

The society also suggested that the Crown Prosecution Service take over from the police the task of deciding whether a suspect should be cautioned or charged, that procedures at the custody officer's desk in a police station be filmed to ensure compliance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, and that a suspect be allowed to waive the right to legal advice only after speaking to a solicitor.

The suggestions are among 123 proposed reforms in a 115-page dossier to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice under Lord Runciman of Doxford.

On appeals, the society says that the present system, in which cases are first dealt with by a single judge or the Court of Appeal, lacks public confidence. Many members of the public believe that the appeal court demonstrates neither enough interest in miscarriages of justice nor the ability to discover them and deal quickly with applications for leave to appeal.

Leave to appeal should be considered by an independent review body, comprising legal and lay members, appointed by a parliamentary committee and reporting directly to Parliament, the society says. The review body would employ a panel of rapporteurs. All appeals against conviction in the crown court could be considered first by a rapporteur, who would advise the review body whether or not to grant leave to appeal.

Charles Elly, chairman of the committee which drew up the submission, said: "The Law Society sees the importance of ensuring that guilty people are convicted, but it is even more important that the innocent should go free and that miscarriages of justice are put right quickly."

Runciman: sent dossier of proposed legal reforms

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Water sources to be protected

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ALL underground water supplies in England and Wales are to be mapped according to their vulnerability as the first step in a national policy to protect them from pollution.

The National Rivers Authority (NRA) is to identify "protection zones" around hundreds of groundwater sources such as springs, wells and boreholes, in which it will encourage farmers, waste disposal contractors, developers and planning authorities to restrict activities that could contaminate supplies.

On land closest to the sources, that could mean restrictions on the storage of chemicals, intensive livestock housing or the use of chemical sprays. However, if the voluntary approach proves insufficient, the authority may seek to make the zones statutory areas in which developments could be banned automatically.

Draconian measures may be necessary because of the growing threat to groundwater supplies, which have never been protected by any nationally co-ordinated policy. Yesterday such a policy was outlined in an NRA consultation document.

The National Farmers' Union, the Confederation of British Industry, local authorities and other interested bodies will be asked to comment by January 31.

Policy and Practice for the Protection of Groundwater (available from Regional Catchment Manager, NRA Severn Trent Region, Sapphire East, 550 Streetsbrook Road, Solihull B91 1QT)

Trust seeks mansion sale to the state

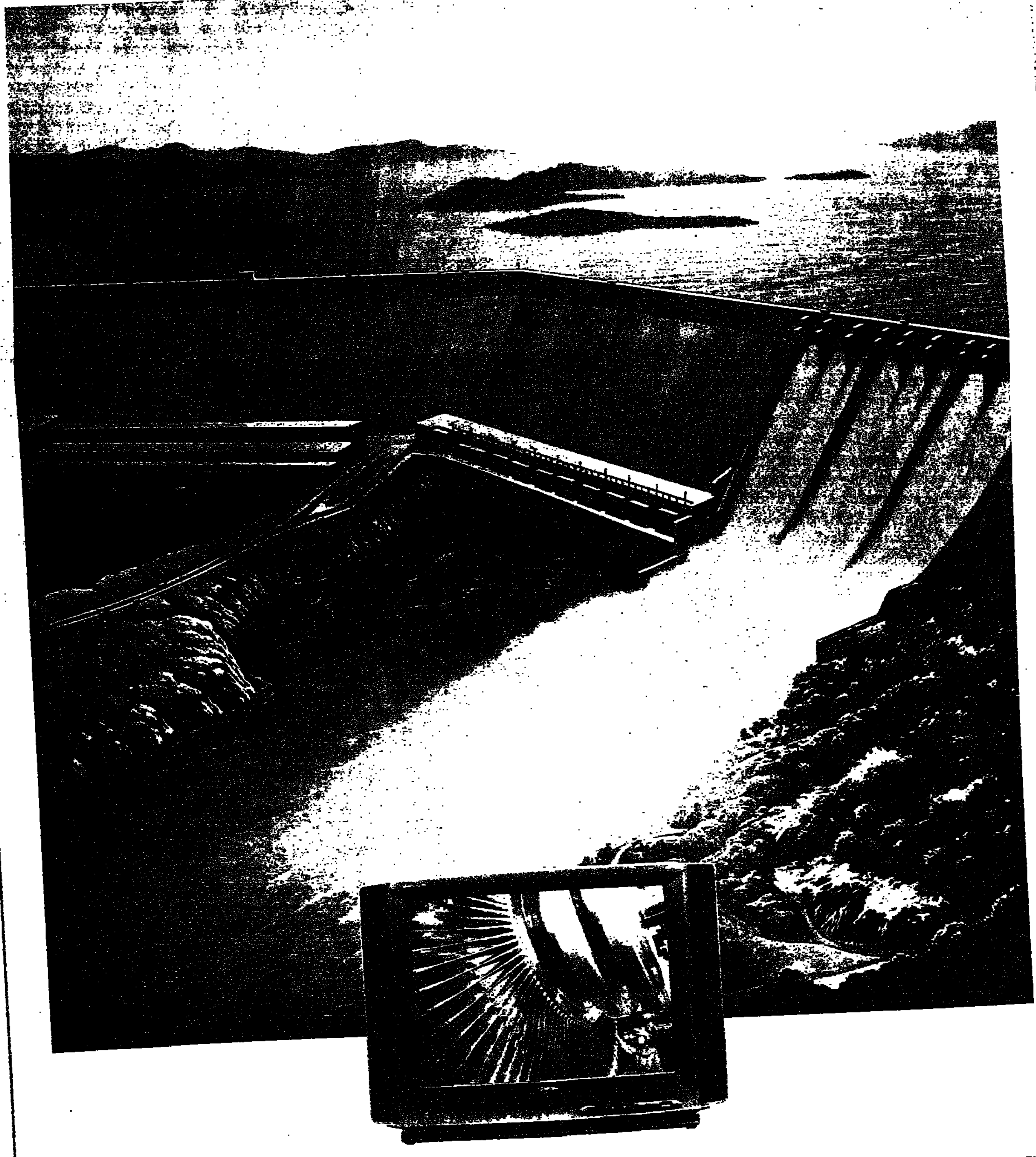
By JOHN YOUNG

THE National Trust has urged the government not to allow Heveningham Hall, Suffolk, to be "put at risk" again by a sale on the open market.

Lord Chorley, the trust's chairman, has written to Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, asking him to exercise his option to repurchase the property. The house, listed Grade I and regarded as one of the most important neo-classical mansions in Britain, was owned by the government between 1970 and 1981 and managed by the trust for part of that time.

In 1981 it was sold to I D Investments of Geneva, owned by an Iraqi businessman Abdul Amir Al Ghazzi, who died last March. The company went into receivership in September, and the government has until December 11 to exercise its option, failing which it will be put up for sale by the receiver.

In his letter Lord Chorley said that English Heritage and the National Trust had the skills and experience to repair the damage to the house, and to ensure public benefit.



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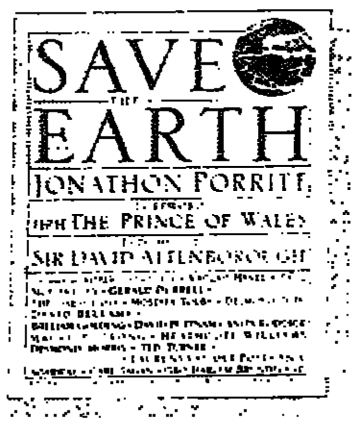

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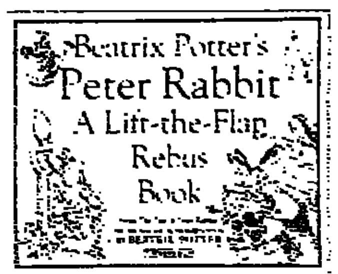

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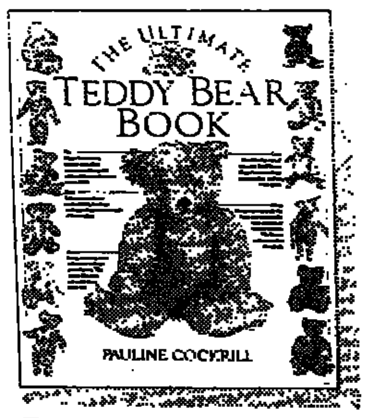

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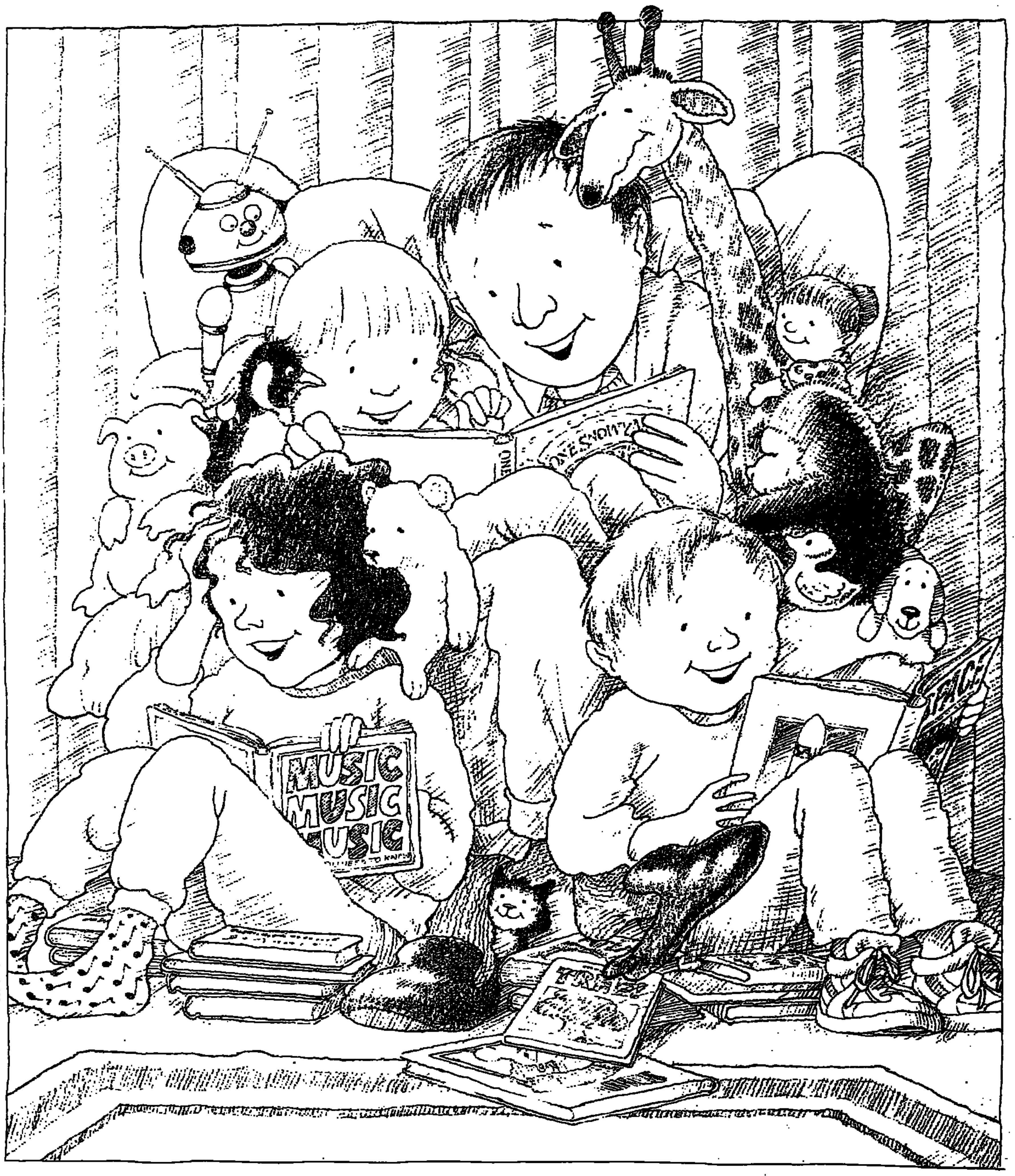

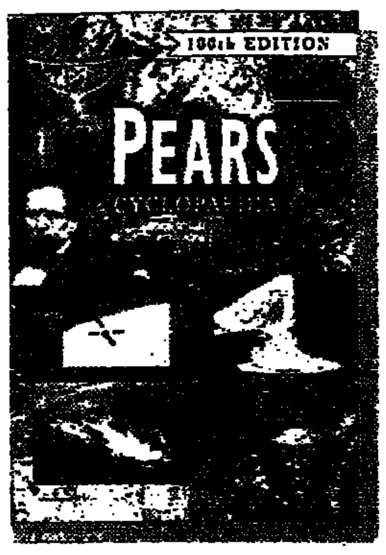

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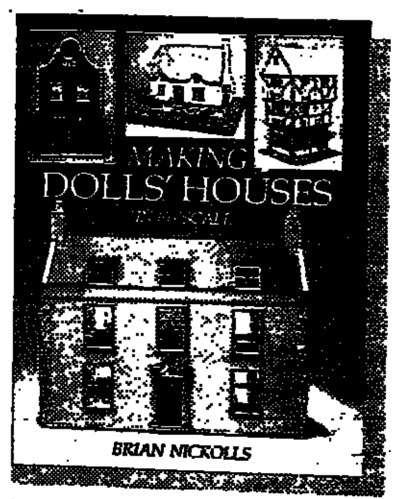

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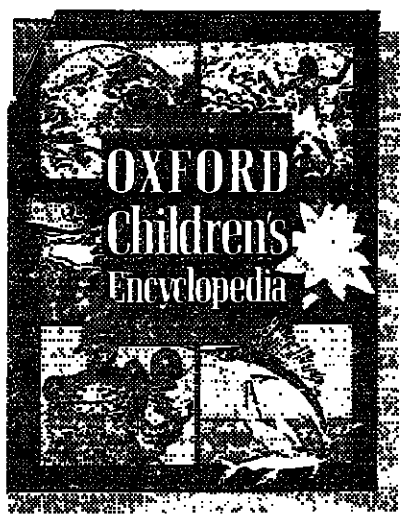

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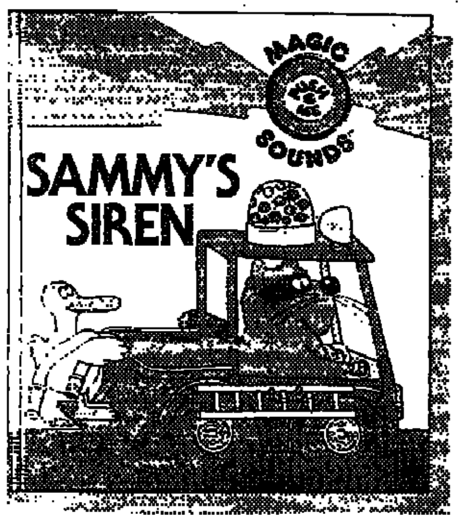

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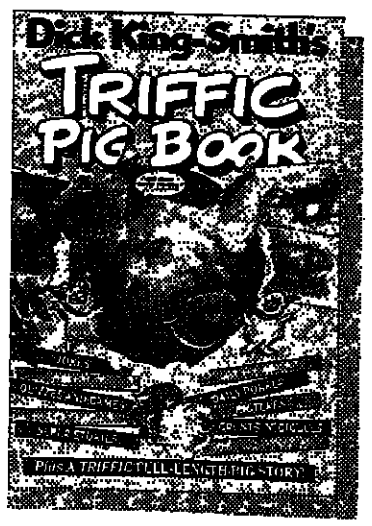

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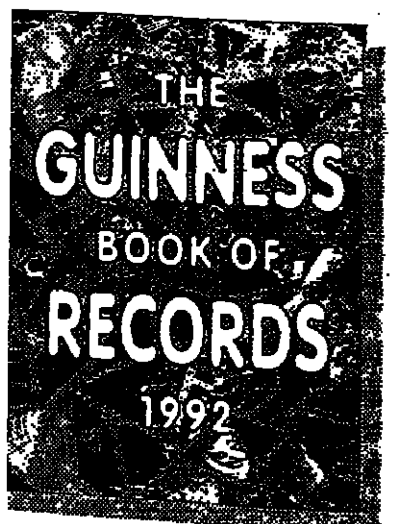

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Big obstacles still in path of EC pact, say ministers

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

SENIOR ministers believe there are serious obstacles in the way of John Major's signing a European Community treaty on political union at Maastricht next month.

The possibility of Mr Major's agreeing to the proposed treaty on economic and monetary union while declining to sign the political treaty is being countenanced in Whitehall, even though Germany is insisting that the two must go together. Difficulties remain to be resolved on proposals for an extension in the competence of the EC to cover social policy and immigration.

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, said last week that failure to agree on a substantial treaty on political union would be "catastrophic for the development of Europe". British government sources are unsure whether the German government would hold to that line and risk throwing away a likely agreement on an economic treaty paving the way for the eventual adoption of a single currency. "We may not know that until Maastricht gets under way," a senior minister said yesterday.

Conservative Euro-sceptics were expected last night to table an amendment calling for a referendum on Europe before Parliament ratifies the Maastricht treaties.

As they considered their tactics for the two-day Commons debate on the EC, Neil Kinnock tabled Labour's amendment, which accepts the goal of economic and monetary union and a single currency, and calls on the government to adopt economic policies that would make the changes a success.

In a move designed to underline what it claims to be a more positive approach to the Maastricht negotiations, Labour calls on the government to work for an agreement that ensures the full inclusion of the social charter and an extension of majority voting to social and environmental matters.

In its key passage, expected to be opposed by its own anti-marketeers, the amendment accepts that there will be a single currency. It describes real economic convergence as an "essential foundation" for the success of such a change. The amendment calls on the government therefore to work to achieve policies for high levels of employment and sustainable non-infationary growth.

The European debate promises to be the best attended in recent years. The government has decided to extend it by two hours until midnight tomorrow, the first day, because so many MPs want to speak.

Senior Tory sceptics are continuing to say that a decision not to vote against the government on Thursday night should not be taken as assent for anything that comes out of Maastricht. Norman Tebbit, who has yet to decide how to vote, has told friends that he hopes that Mr Major will return from Maastricht empty-handed, having refused to sign any treaty. He and others on the right will be listening carefully to Mr Major's speech before deciding how to cast their vote.

Roy Hattersley, page 14

OXFORD UNION DEBATE

Tebbit and Heath enter the ring

By Jamie Dettmer

Tebbit vs Heath posters around Oxford proclaimed last night's event in a style more akin to a boxing bout than a debate. Not even the advertising campaign for the city's Christmas spectacular of *Scrooge On Ice* could compete with the promotional effort behind the Oxford Union debate on the EC.

In the Euro corner, Edward "Silver Hair" Heath. In the British bulldog corner, the Chingford Slasher, Norman "Polecat" Tebbit.

The union has witnessed several celebrated debates in its 168-year history, but much of its history would pass you by if you relied on present students. Yesterday, most were at a loss to think of a previous debate that compared in importance with the night's encounter.

The motion, "This house believes that the proposed European union offers little value to the United Kingdom", had many supporters among those studying in the library or discussing in the bar the usual student preoccupations of essays, parties, and love. "I think you will find that the type of student who spends a lot of time in the union will be anti-European," Angela Brown, a Somerville Euro-enthusiast said. "Pro-Europeans seem a bit apathetic." Would she be going to the debate? "Oh no, I've got an essay to write on Alexander the Great."

Justin Brett, of Exeter College, said: "It is a fallacy that people go to the debates to make up their minds. They have already made up their minds before they come."

TIM BISHOP

Rising star: Virginia Bottomley going up by hoist yesterday to paint in the "£20 million raised" mark on the Royal Marsden Hospital's cancer appeal sign

New competition push aims for savings of £5bn

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

MINISTERS are aiming to achieve savings of £5 billion in the cost of central government services under plans to increase competition throughout Whitehall and its agencies.

The estimated savings from the £20 billion cost of running government are expected to come from a drive to encourage more services in Whitehall to be put out for competitive tendering. The move will also mean that an increasing number of the country's 600,000 civil servants, in particular white-collar workers, will find their jobs tested against competition from the private sector.

Further, the government is planning to require local authorities' core services such as legal and finance departments to be opened to competition, although that will require legislation in the next parliament.

Under proposals outlined in a white paper published yesterday, the government intends to extend vastly the amount of services put out to competitive tendering as a way of saving billions and improving efficiency in central government. The white paper lists areas being considered for contracting out, including the fisheries surface surveillance which is provided by the Royal Navy at a cost of £5.4 million a year to the fisheries ministry.

Other candidates for contracting out include the Royal Marines amphibious training, electronic warfare training for all three services, the management of approved hostels, the electronic monitoring of curfew orders and the maintenance of court houses in Scotland. The paper, produced as part of the government's overall citizen's charter proposals, lists plans for all government departments, with the conspicuous absence of any from 10 Downing Street.

Francis Maude, the financial secretary, said that savings of 25 per cent had been achieved through existing contracting out of government services. "Competition will now apply over more services and much more widely and savings will accrue from that."

The white paper, *Competing for Quality*, outlines initiatives in which government departments and agencies will have to set targets for services that should be considered for contracting out to the private sector. Private industry will help Whitehall and the agencies set up under the Next Steps programme to identify areas that should face the tendering process.

A public competition and purchasing unit, based in the Treasury, is to be created to promote the initiative to bring greater efficiency to the supply of government services. A key part of the programme will be for civil servants to identify the cost of providing services in house which at present are often obscured behind the global overhead costs figure.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Remands cost £53.5m

Keeping a prisoner in police cells costs about £221 a day and 1,640 prisoners were in police custody at the end of last week, Angela Rumbold, Home Office minister, said in written replies.

In the past financial year it cost £53.5 million to keep prisoners in police cells. If they had been detained in prison accommodation the cost would have been £14.8 million.

Bank blamed

The government is sidestepping complaints about the new £20 note. "I have received a number of letters concerning the size of the new £20 note," John Maples, the economic secretary, said in a written reply. But, he added, that was the Bank of England's concern.

Up in smoke

The government expects to raise about £6.1 billion in tobacco duties this financial year, Gillian Shephard, Treasury minister, said.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Defence; prime minister. Education (schools) bill, second reading.

Lords (2.30): Charities bill, second reading.

Customers of privatised firms 'to get better deal'

By Robert Morgan and Philip Webster

A BETTER deal for the 25 million customers of the former nationalised industries was promised by Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, in the Commons last night when he moved the second reading of the competition and service (utilities) bill.

He said that the bill extended the powers of regulators to set standards for the telecommunications, water, gas and electricity industries, and customers would know what those standards were.

The bill fulfilled a commitment in the citizen's charter to strengthen the position of customers. It put the customer first by extending competition and by extending the powers of the regulators where monopoly remained.

The bill had been welcomed by almost everybody except the Labour party. But its opposition was not surprising. Labour had never been the friend of the customer. It had always backed the producer's interest against the consumer's. It loathed competition, it had been the midwife of monopoly and it was nostalgic for nationalisation.

He said that since privatisation, BT's waiting lists were non-existent and electricity and gas disconnections had shown a marked fall. Gas prices were down in real terms and about to fall further. "The Labour party wants to go back to nationalisation; we intend to build on the success of privatisation." Under nationalisation there were no regulators and no one was specifically charged to protect the consumer.

☐ **Labour's pledge:** Powers for the privatised utility regulators to cut prices where they consider pay rises for executives to be excessive were promised yesterday by the Labour leadership.

A new system of ombudsmen for the gas, water, electricity and telecommunications industries with powers to settle disputes, resolve compensation and impose penalty fines, and a new Commons select committee to question utility bosses, were also unveiled by Labour.

Gordon Brown, shadow trade and industry secretary, said that boardroom excesses were worsening, with salary awards for 1991-2 even more extravagant than last year's.

Lilley: regulators' powers to be extended

"Far from listening to public opinion, privatised boardroom directors have contemptuously ignored it and awarded themselves even bigger cash rises," he said.

Mr Brown cited the case of Iain Vallance, the BT chairman, awarded a £64,000 rise in basic pay, with provision for up to £175,000 in bonus payments, and share options that could be cashed in for £700,000.

The Labour survey also mentioned other rises, including a £30,000 increase, or 15 per cent, for the chief executive of PowerGen; £60,000, or 21.4 per cent, extra for the chairman of British Gas; and a £22,500 rise, or 37 per cent, for the chairman of the Northumbria water company.

Mr Brown said that under Labour's plans the four regulators would be brought together in a consumer protection commission. They would be able to impose price cuts where boardroom excesses and excess profits were considered to be unjustifiable. The regulator would not be able to order salary cuts, but by recommending cuts in prices "he would force the issue with the boardroom itself", Mr Brown said.

There would be a parliamentary committee on consumer affairs with Senate-style powers to hold public hearings and call service providers to account for their actions and policies. The ombudsmen, Mr Brown said, would be independent consumer champions.

Waldegrave in the hot seat

By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

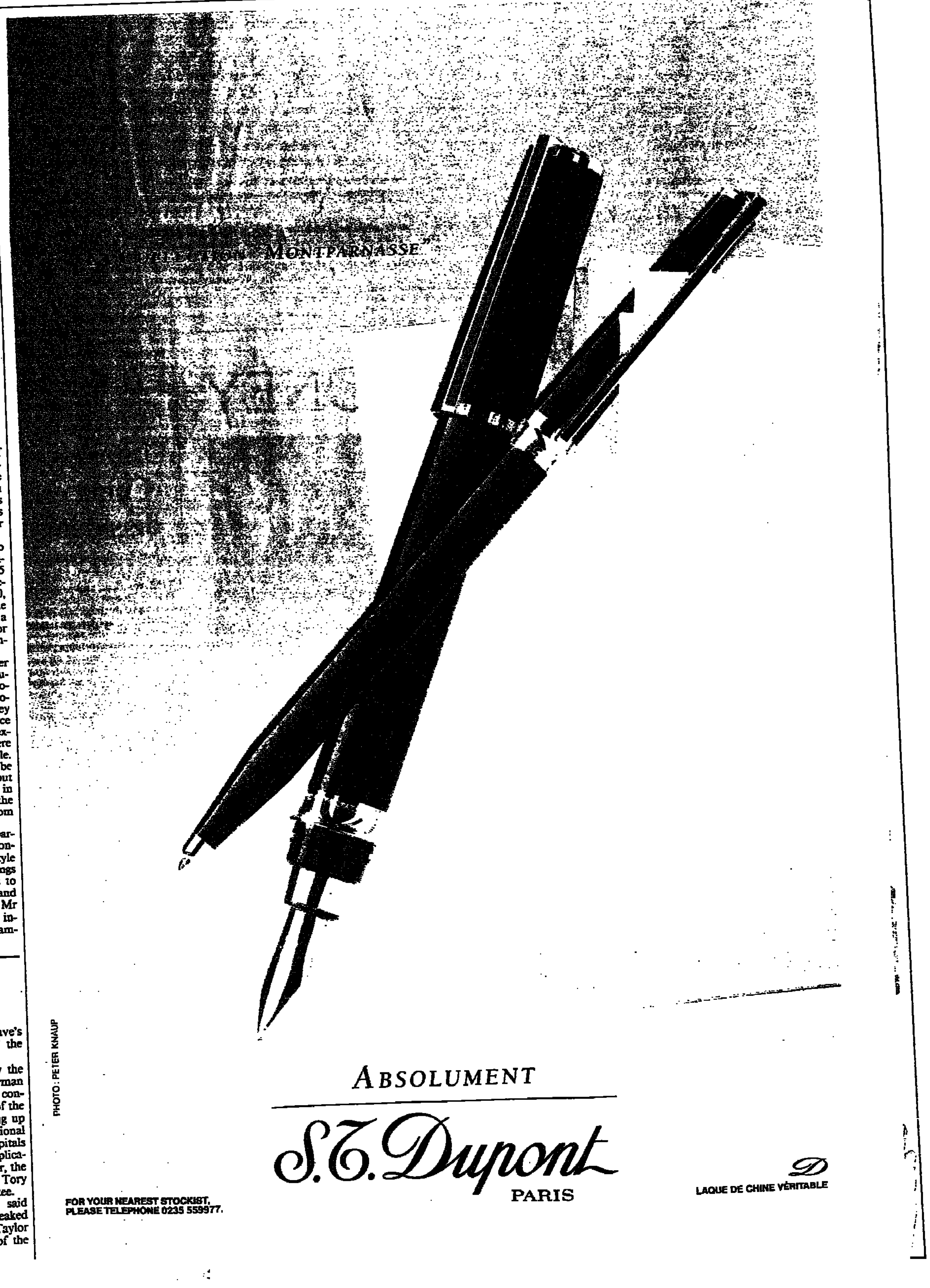
THE Commons privileges committee is preparing to question William Waldegrave, his aide, Ian Taylor, and the Tory MP, Jerry Hayes, about their involvement in the leak of a confidential committee report criticising the health reforms.

The committee meets privately today to launch its investigation into the affair and determine whether Mr Waldegrave, Mr Taylor or Mr Hayes seriously breached parliamentary rules. Mr Hayes, Tory MP for Harlow, resigned from the health committee this month after stating that his researcher had leaked a confidential draft of a committee report to Mr Taylor, MP for Esher, and Mr Waldegrave's parliamentary private secretary. The unnamed researcher has since returned to America.

The privileges committee is likely to summon the researcher as well as the MPs to find out the circumstances surrounding the leak. If Mr Hayes is found guilty of a contempt of the House, he could be severely disciplined or even suspended from the Commons. Labour has already called for Mr Taylor to resign as Mr Waldegrave's aide for his receipt of the leaked report.

The report, drafted by the health committee chairman Nicholas Winterton, had contained 17 pages critical of the financial plans for setting up the first wave of national health service trust hospitals and called for new applications to be delayed. Later, the pages were deleted by the Tory majority on the committee.

Mr Waldegrave has said that he did not see the leaked document which Mr Taylor passed on to officials of the health department.



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Moi party demands expulsion of envoys

From SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

KENYA'S relations with most of its most important foreign aid donors plunged yesterday after the ruling party, Kanu, called for the explusion of ten foreign diplomats, mostly from the United States, for "aiding dissidents".

Ndolo Ayah, the minister for foreign affairs and international co-operation, who is usually considered a moderate, also launched a bitter personal attack on Smith Hempstone, the American ambassador to Nairobi, accusing him of being a "racist slave-owner with contempt for Africans". He berated six other envoys for "failing to observe normal diplomatic behaviour".

Mr Ayah said that, while his government had no bone to pick with the American government, he would leave it up to "the conscience of the ambassador to Kenya as to whether he wishes to remain in the country". The attack follows allegations by Kenya that members of the American mission were with dissident leaders who were arrested on their way to a pro-democracy rally in Nairobi last Saturday.

President Moi's one-party government has always reacted badly to international criticism but public protests from the Swedish, British, German and American governments over the arrests of pro-democracy leaders last week appeared to have stung especially badly. "We welcome criticism and advice from foreign countries but it must be through the normal diplomatic channels," Mr Ayah said.

Relations with Germany have also soured as Bernd Mützelburg, its ambassador to Kenya, delivered a "very strong protest to Nairobi over the treatment of political opponents" before being recalled to Bonn to report to his government over accusations that German diplomats have also been involved in encouraging the pro-democracy movement in Kenya.

Mr Hempstone said after meeting Kenyan leaders yesterday that, in the week before the world's biggest aid donors discuss future policy at the Paris Club, "to say the Kenyan government lacks public relations skills would be an understatement". The United States is Kenya's second largest donor with more than $40 million (£22 million) in aid a year.

Last week, all the leaders of the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy were arrested and charged with offences under the public order act for attempting to organise a pro-democracy rally. Mr Ayah said that Mr Hempstone had been personally involved in this and other pro-democracy activities but refused to reveal his evidence.

Mr Hempstone responded to the attack by asking: "Who is a racist? A person who says that Kenyans are mature enough to handle multiparty government or someone who says they are so primitive they cannot do so?"

Kenya's international reputation as an African success story took a further knock yesterday at the inquest into the death of Mr Ayah's predecessor, Robert Ouko, who was murdered last year. John Troon, the retired Scotland Yard detective superintendent drafted in to head the investigation into the murder of the popular foreign minister by President Moi, astonished the inquiry by stating that the prime suspects in the murder are Nicholas Biwott, the Kenyan industry minister, and Hezekiah Oyugi, the former internal security chief who has since been moved to be the chairman of General Motors in Kenya.

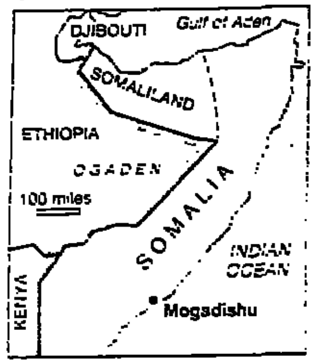
"I cannot rule out either of these two gentlemen or eliminate them from the murder of Ouko. They are my principal suspects," declared Mr Troon, who has already told the inquiry that he believes Ouko was murdered because of his opposition to corruption among colleagues in the government.

Clan rival topples Somali president

From A CORRESPONDENT IN NAIROBI

THE president of Somalia has been overthrown by a rival clan leader, sources quoted the nation's official radio as saying yesterday. President Ali Mahdi Muhammad was reported to have fled the capital, Mogadishu.

The report could not be immediately confirmed. The sources, who include diplomats and aid workers, quoted the radio report as saying that General Muhammad Farrah Aidid had toppled President Ali Mahdi, who has ruled the former British protectorate for ten months.



The report follows two days of fighting in Mogadishu between tribal factions of the ruling United Somali Congress that overthrew President Mohamed Siad Barre in January. Sources said that the Italian embassy had been sacked but the 12 diplomats there had found refuge with the medical charity, Médecins sans Frontières.

Diplomats say that up to 20,000 people were killed in street battles in January that ended General Siad Barre's 21-year rule. Since then, the government has failed to extend its control beyond the capital, and Somalia's southern region remains riven by tribal feuds.

Earlier yesterday, sources said fighting broke out on Sunday between forces loyal to President Ali Mahdi and those of General Aidid, chairman of the ruling party and a member of the Habar Gedir tribal clan. By yesterday the fighting had moved to areas controlled by President Ali Mahdi's faction, including the state radio, the sources said.

President Ali Mahdi, of the Abagal tribal clain, had tried to assert his authority in Mogadishu on Friday by moving heavy artillery, armoured cars and troops into key positions that encroached on territory controlled by General Aidid's forces. Artillery and mortar attacks erupted around Mogadishu.

Husband's concern: Bob Hawke, the Australian prime minister, with his wife Hazel, as she entered St Vincent's private hospital in Sydney yesterday. After exploratory surgery, doctors declared Mrs Hawke, aged 62, free of cancer

Indonesians accused of second Timor massacre

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

INDONESIAN troops reportedly have shot up to 80 civilian prisoners in a new massacre in East Timor. This brings to at least 260 the number of civilian deaths at the hands of the army in less than a week in the former Portuguese territory.

According to a witness who relayed the information to London, the prisoners were ordered to strip and their hands and feet were bound before they were taken out of Dili, the capital, on lorries from the military headquarters. The prisoners were covered with a large canvas. According to the same source, they were taken to a place outside Dili previously used for executions. There they were moved to the edge of freshly dug ditches and mown down by machinegun fire.

The killings were carried out by the 700th and 744th battalions of the Hasanuddin division based in South Sulawesi, reckoned to be among the toughest units in the Indonesian army. The troops were hooded so as not to be recognised.

It appears likely that those shot were killed because they had been witnesses to the mass killing at Dili cemetery in Santa Cruz last Tuesday. Most of them were rounded up either at the funeral or in the cemetery afterwards, and would therefore be seen by the Indonesians as being sympathetic to the cause of an independent East Timor. Indonesia invaded and annexed the territory in 1976 after Portugal, the former colonial power, lost interest in the territory following its revolution of 1975.

At least 180 people were killed last Tuesday when the Indonesian army opened fire on mourners at a funeral in Dili. One report claims a further 296 people are in prisons or military hospitals as a result of that incident. The army says 19 were killed.

The military in Jakarta has denied the new massacre, which comes at a particularly embarrassing time for the Jakarta goverment. Indonesia had been hoping that Ali Alatas, its foreign minister, might be a contender for the post of secretary-general of the United Nations.

A representative in Melbourne of the Fretilin independence movement said he had received telephone reports that Indonesian troops were searching for eyewitnesses to eliminate them before the start of a government enquiry. The investigation has brought adverse comment from abroad since it has been put in the hands of the armed forces strategic intelligence agency, Bais, which normally looks into "subversive" activities.

Bonfire of West Coast's vanity

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

When a storm tore up the northeast coast a couple of weeks ago and laid waste to hundreds of houses including President Bush's, nobody suggested that the locals had made a pact with the devil. But an equivalent catastrophe in California, last month's bushfires, has sparked a paroxysm of moralising about the punishment of human vanity.

California-bashing, always a favourite sport for the rest of America, has reached a level not seen for years. Many believe that all the new talk of Californian apocalypse says more about the morose mood of the rest of the country than it reflects reality in the golden state.

"California cannot have a simple disaster," said a commentator in the *Los Angeles Times*. "There must be, somewhere, a meaning to each flood, each fire, each earthquake. And that meaning, one way or another, has to do with doom."

For the East Coast, mired in recession and shivering from the onset of winter, the Oakland fires were a heaven-sent chance to prove once and for all that, aside from the endless summer, swimming pools and general prosperity, California is really hell. Man, it is said, has ignored the folly of engineering an artificial paradise out of a region of fragile and hostile nature. Now nature is rising up and smiting back.

There is, it must be admitted, some material for the thesis. For example, when the earthquake hit San Francisco two years ago, Jeremy Larner, a local poet, described the promised land as the "skin of an enormous egg, with infinite curve but no thickness so fingers of shock reach up". Last month, the fires in the Oakland hills burnt down Mr Larner's house.

Californians, tired of the condescension of East Coasters, are hitting back, pointing to greater violence and economic depression there. "Why is this state singled out?" asked the editor of the *Sacramento Bee*. "Does *The New York Times* talk about their disasters in apocalyptic terms every other week and sometimes twice on weekends?"

Economy ties Shamir's hands

Jerusalem – Israel's economic difficulties may reach critical proportions unless it can better meet the needs for housing and employment of thousands of Jewish immigrants (Richard Beeston writes).

According to two senior ministers in the right-wing coalition government, neither issue is being dealt with adequately. The current record unemployment figures could double in the coming year and all government housing construction could come to a halt by next week.

The economic situation and Israel's need for more foreign aid have figured prominently during the tour of America by Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister.

In addition to annual US military and economic aid of $3 billion (£1.67 billion), Israel has requested $10 billion in loan guarantees to help immigrant absorbtion. The request was delayed 120 days by the Bush administration in September, and the White House has already hinted that it will again block the guarantee request when it comes up again in January unless Israel halts its expansion of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

So far, Mr Shamir has steadfastly refused to accept any link between immigration and settlements.

Family support

West Palm Beach, Florida – Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, above, the former American first lady, who will attend the rape trial of her nephew, William Kennedy Smith, according to press reports. Jury selection has resumed with John Kennedy Jr, his cousin, attending. Mr Smith is charged with raping a woman at the family's estate. *(AP)*.

Game of name

Peking – A new fad for Chinese students to give themselves English names such as Bush and Tyrone is causing teachers to worry over "withering of character, enslavement of spirit and worship of things foreign, which might affect the tone of society", according to Shanghai's *Youth Post*. *(Reuter)*

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US presses China on dissidents

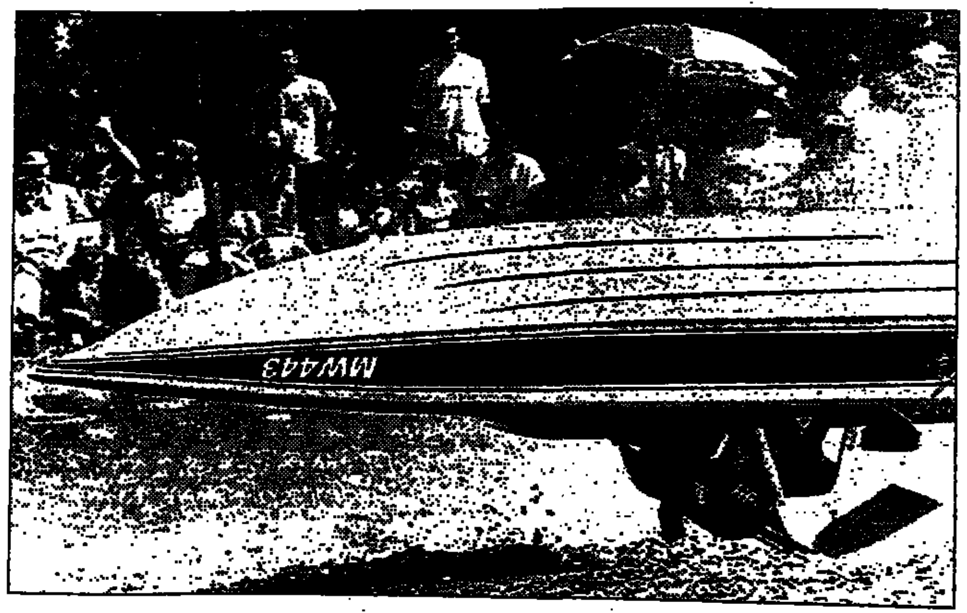
From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

THE American ambassador in Peking yesterday asked China to explain its detention of two dissidents invited to meet James Baker, the Secretary of State, to discuss human rights. "The embassy will be making every effort to find out what happened," said a spokesman for Stapleton Roy, the ambassador. The detentions soured Mr Baker's weekend visit, which had been aimed at gaining concessions from the Peking regime on rights.

The Chinese foreign ministry said reports that Dai Qing, a journalist, had been arrested on Saturday were "sheer fabrication". But the spokesman did not deny that she had been held in police custody. He said she was now free, but last night there was no confirmation. The ministry issued no statement on the detention of Hou Xiaotian, the wife of a political prisoner, Wang Juntao, who was taken from her home by police at 1am on Saturday and was released an hour after Mr Baker left Peking.

The ministry said "generally speaking, Baker's visit was successful". In propaganda terms, the trip bestowed the seal of international respectability on China without its leaders being seen to make any concessions. In contrast, Mr Baker – the highest-ranking US official to visit Peking since the violent suppression of the pro-democracy movement in 1989 – went away with virtually nothing.

Peking appears to have decided to risk sacrificing the hard currency which good relations would bring on the altar of China's "socialist road". Leaders are concerned that if they make concessions on human rights, the floodgates of dissent would open.



Down under: a powerboat crewed by Mike Woodger and Chris Paddon turns turtle during a sprint race at Wangaratta in Victoria, Australia. They walked away unhurt

Eunuch finds maternal instinct

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

AYESHA, at 18 months, is the pride of the eunuchs of Old Delhi. She lives down a back alley of a teeming Muslim quarter, where gaily painted men in saris and gold bangles fuss around her. These shy, persecuted people are the only family she will ever know.

Mona Ahmed, aged 54, who became a eunuch as a teenager after a back-street castration, has legally gained custody of the child after taking her from a poor woman. A huge celebration marked the baby's first birthday, transforming the fetid lanes where Ayesha lives into a riot of feasting, dancing and singing.

Mona refers to himself as "mother", and the baby cries when he is out of sight. Other eunuchs nurse the girl when he works his territory of Lajpat Nager, a middle-class area of New Delhi, where a network of washermen and sweepers keep him up-to-date with news of newborn babies and forthcoming marriages.

Births and weddings provide the eunuchs' living: they sing and dance and bestow good luck on the occasions. To turn away a eunuch is believed to bring ill fortune. Earnings are handed over to the head eunuch of each household, who takes the title "guru".

At the tiny house where Mona and his baby live, a eunuch is presently visiting from Pakistan. Sona Guru, who heads a household in Lahore, says eunuchs in Pakistan have higher status than in India, and live much more prosperously. He says there are only 3,000 of them there, whereas there are huge numbers in India. "I have air conditioning, a car, a telephone and servants."

He said he had been born a eunuch and had not required castration, giving him a special status in the eunuch community. "Until I was 14 or 15 my parents tried to diguise the fact that I was not a complete male. But I looked so effeminate they could not deny it any longer. "That is when I left home. I never saw my family again until after my father died, because I did not want to disgrace him any more."

He is an old friend of Mona, who is hysterical. He is clapping his hands and wailing loudly after a dispute with neighbours over a blocked drain. Other eunuchs gather about the baby, fussing and crying together. Ayesha looks on quizzically, until toddling off to find a toy.

Mona says that at three she will start to learn English, French, Arabic and Persian. He wants her to know the Koran by heart and to become a Qawali singer of holy texts. He plans to send her to an expensive all-girls school.

Free marketeers arrest Gorbachev in a very economic coup

Yeltsin: staged lightning takeover of finances

Hard on the heels of the Communist hardliners come Russia's capitalists. Mary Dejevsky reports from Moscow how the Yeltsin revolutionaries have tied up the Soviet leader

IN AUGUST, President Gorbachev fell victim to a political coup. He clung to power, but much of his political authority was lost. This month, Mr Gorbachev has fallen victim to an economic coup: invisible, inaudible, but no less damaging. This time the conspirators are not the hardliners, but Russia's free market economists. They have cut off the president's lifelines no less successfully than the KGB cut off his communications in the Crimea, and probably for good.

Three weeks ago, Boris Yeltsin announced that Russia would embark on "market reforms in one republic". When the Russian president tried to do the same last year, the only result was a constant and unresolved tussle between the republic and the centre. This year, Russia has used declining domestic and international confidence in the centre to accomplish a lightning takeover of most of its financial functions. In a singular triumph, it has also persuaded three other republics — Belorussia, the Ukraine and Kazakhstan — to join Russia in renouncing the mediation of the centre in future credit negotiations. The old centre, according to their joint declaration, was no longer authorised to represent their interests.

Russia's moves have deprived Mr Gorbachev and the old centre of much more than the buildings that have been physically seized. The union's financial system is paralysed and close to bankruptcy.

For more than two weeks President Gorbachev has been unable to persuade his parliament to approve further credits for the central budget. If the money required to run central institutions until the end of the year is not forthcoming, President Gorbachev has two options: he can authorise the release of extra money without parliament's approval (a move of dubious constitutionality), or he can admit defeat and leave the remaining central institutions to the mercy of the republics.

Something like the second option already seems to be in progress. Mr *Gorbachev was compelled last week* to accept the concept of a "confederation" — the loosest structure — for a future union. He does not have the option of printing more money. The mints belong to Russia. His ability to raise further credits abroad has been undermined by the declaration of the four republics that they will not be bound by new obligations.

There was a widespread belief that even when President Gorbachev had nothing else left, he would still control three vital levers: the convertible currency reserves, the army, and the KGB. Even these, however, are looking shaky.

The liquidity of the central state bank and the foreign economic bank, Vneshekonombank, which has a monopoly on convertible currency deals is uncertain. Ten days ago, an official of Vneshekonombank said that it was running out of money. On Saturday, the state bank was reported to have no gold stocks. It transpires that the gold is being held centrally — under the joint guardianship of the Soviet and Russian presidents — until its division between the republics has been agreed.

The army is a largely unknown quantity. Ten days ago, President Gorbachev appeared to control the interior ministry forces, at least to the extent of not placing them at Mr Yeltsin's disposal to restore Russian rule in the northern Caucasus. Holding an army back and deploying it, however, are two different things, and in many areas the loyalty of the troops, if not that of the officers, seems increasingly to republic or national leaders.

Loyalty is also a matter of payment. If Mr Yeltsin has a Russian bank with Russian gold reserves, and hard currency flowing into a semi-convertible currency system, and Mr Gorbachev has a state bank with no assets, then the contest for the army and the KGB is as good as over.

President Gorbachev and the centre, therefore, will soon be left with only those powers which Russia, and to a lesser extent the other republics, choose to delegate — and pay for.

Gorbachev: his economic lifelines have been cut

Vukovar's defenders pledge fight to death

From ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB

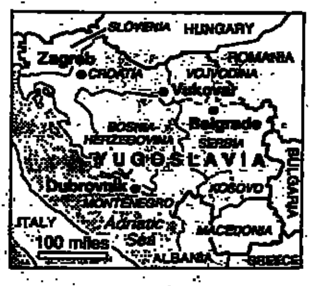
THE town of Vukovar was yesterday fighting its last hopeless stand as the Yugoslav army pounded the remaining Croatian defenders into submission, telling them to surrender or face death.

Federal forces set about flushing out resistance in the centre, targeting the fortified Mitnica quarter where most of the heavy artillery defence was concentrated. The fighting prevented a European Community monitoring team from entering to observe conditions in the devastated town.

The army has demanded unconditional surrender from the 1,500 defenders clustered in pockets of resistance. A loudspeaker van was driven through the streets urging them to give themselves up. "Our soldiers will not shoot unless they are shot at," said Major Veselin Sljivancanin. "But, if they try any dirty tricks, we have the firepower to wipe them out completely and take the rest of Vukovar within two hours."

The army said that groups of defenders had tried to break out of the surrounded town without success. EC monitors stood by to evacuate the sick, wounded and children from the town where 15,000 citizens have been under siege for three months. Ed Koestal, the spokesman for the monitors, said that despite guarantees of safety from the federal forces, the area was still too dangerous for a rescue mission.

The Red Cross was waiting for word from its advance party before attempting to bring 1.5 tonnes of medical supplies into Vukovar by boat along the river Danube. Their spokesman in Zagreb said that many of the wounded had dysentery and gangrene, and that many had undergone operations and amputations without anaesthetics or antibiotics.



Croatia admitted military defeat in Vukovar on Sunday and authorised Marin Vidic-Bili, its mayor, to negotiate with the army on evacuating the sick and wounded. Mr Vidic-Bili has demanded that the surrender take place in the presence of the Red Cross to prevent atrocities. He also wants the wounded to be taken to the town of Vinkovci, still in Croatian hands. But the army says that any evacuation must take place via Serbian territory, crossing the Danube, which is the main dividing line between the two camps.

Many of the Croatian guardsmen left inside the town were still refusing to surrender yesterday, fearing a mass killing by Serb irregular forces if they emerge from their hiding places. Their commander, Milan Dedacovic, was reported to have begun negotiations on the terms of surrender with federal army officers.

The Zagreb government appealed yesterday to the army to spare the lives of those inside the town, warning of an escalation of anti-army violence throughout Croatia if there are more killings. "No one will be able to guarantee the security of officers and soldiers in Croatia. A massacre in Vukovar would signify the beginning of chaos whose end would be difficult to imagine," the communiqué said.

Dobroslav Paraga, president of the ultra-nationalist Party of Rights, whose paramilitary forces are credited with strenghtening the defence of Vukovar for so long, said that he would never order his men to withdraw. "We will fight to the death," he said. The loss of Vukovar is a heavy blow to Croatian morale, after the stubborn propaganda campaign stating that it would never be allowed to fall.

The army would now have little difficulty in sweeping into Vinkovci and taking useful territory between the Bosut and Vuka rivers and the remaining Croatian stronghold of Zupanja, south of Osijek.

There was no respite yesterday in attacks on Osijek and Vinkovci, indicating that the army intends to press on and capture as much territory as possible with the intention of using it to negotiate the redrawing of Croatia's borders with Serbia in the future.

After holding ground on the eastern and central front for some weeks, Croatia has suffered a number of serious defeats at the weekend, losing control of Slunj, 80 miles south of Zagreb from where several thousand refugees are now fleeing south into Bosnia. It is also on the verge of losing Borsko and Nijemci near the Serbian border.

Dubrovnik was also attacked yesterday, with more than 100 shells falling on it in the space of a few hours. The fighting prevented an Italian vessel, attempting to evacuate children, from docking.

ZAGREB NOTEBOOK by Anne McElvoy

Decadent ghosts and exotic dancers keep war at bay

The faultlessly courteous staff are, of course, far too polite to admit their disappointment, but pity the hotel that has only journalists left in it. Gathered en masse, we can bring down the tone of even the finest establishment after a few months.

The grandiose Hotel Esplanade, like the rest of Croatia, has been deserted by visitors since the fighting began in July. As towns are besieged or conquered, the hotel guests monitoring the conflict consist of a shifting population of some 60 journalists and a handful of Canadian businessmen whose motives can only be guessed at. Sometimes, one catches a liveried porter with a faraway look in his eye, dreaming of the days when the guest list included Mick Jagger, Sophia Loren, Vivien Leigh, the Taylor-Burtons and Gigli.

In the splendid dark-red gloom of the dining room, the damask tablecloths and the rows of the waiters are as stiff as ever, but there is a sea of empty tables to choose from and the atmosphere no longer lives up to the description provided by retired headwaiter, Milan Fistic, of a dinner given by the Italian consul here in the late 1920s. "There was champagne, lobster, caviar and scampi," he recalled. "All the well-known ladies of Zagreb were invited — about eighty in all, but only ten men. In the morning the gentlemen were lying under the tables and the hotel staff replaced them to entertain the ladies."

Built in 1925 in Austro-Hungarian style, the Esplanade is one of Central Europe's most enjoyable hotels. The tone is august although a *frisson* of decadence has never been far away.

When Josephine Baker, the scandalous queen of Paris variety theatre, arrived on a visit in 1929, the local newspaper, *Vecer*, parodied the distress caused to the Croatian bourgeoisie by the sight of the black dancer. "The news of her arrival has caused panic among the high-moral ladies of Zagreb. She's a menace! All the men will leave their wives. It's a punishment from God."

Miss Baker's latterday equivalents, a five-strong topless dancing troupe, still perform in the Diamond Club, but often to a mere handful of oglers. The team has been imported from the Soviet Union. "They are very nice girls," said the front-office manager, Niksa Simunovic, earnestly. Dancing girls are traditionally imported from the east. "Croatian girls are very modest, very Catholic. They do not like to take off their clothes and dance."

He admitted that the atmosphere of the hotel had been dampened by the conflict which grows nearer by the day to Zagreb.

Drazen Boic, the dapper, bar pianist, refuses to be cowed by so much bad news and, with rare gusto, plays *As Time Goes By* and *Yesterday* on a glossy grand piano. When the over-excitable recruits to the ultra-right HOS paramilitary loose off machinegun fire from their headquarters opposite the dining room to relieve the boredom, he simply plays louder.

One of Croatia's top popular pianists, with tours of America, Japan and the Soviet Union under his belt, Mr Boic has been the pianist in residence for ten years and looks back fondly on the days before the fighting. "Anyone who was anyone in Zagreb came here for dinner. We always had a waiting list for tables and the atmosphere was electric — everyone flirting and arguing." He sighed and surveyed the present dining assembly of 12 comatose scribblers.

Distant memory: a German woman stands before one of nearly 32,000 crosses marking German war graves at Ysselsteyn in The Netherlands

Prices soar in Moscow 'big bang'

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

LARISA Pyasheva, the passionate Russian economist who makes Milton Friedman look like a socialist, stood poised yesterday on the brink of realising one of her dreams — the "big bang" privatisation of one of the most corrupt and inefficient retail networks in the world.

But as the state stores of Moscow dragged out their last hours as ghastly monuments to the failure of communism, there was little sign that many shoppers shared the excitement of Miss Pyasheva, co-authoress of a book called the *Anti-Communist Manifesto*, and head of the city's newly created privatisation council. Prices were soaring almost by the hour in the well-stocked but misnamed "peasant markets" — notorious for being controlled by racketeers — while the queues to buy basic foodstuffs at heavily subsidised municipal establishments grew longer and more sullen. By tomorrow, Miss Pyasheva announced, the staff at virtually all retail outlets in Moscow should receive details of how they can buy their premises at a reasonable price. If they turn down the offer, the stores will be sold by auction.

The only restriction — and it must have caused her some ideological heartache — was that shops must continue to operate in the same sector for at least a year after they are sold. So there is no danger, for now, that all Moscow's fetid, dreary "grocery" stores will devote themselves exclusively to lucrative lines such as the French liqueur brandy which has mysteriously appeared throughout the city.

"I am appealing to everyone, don't be afraid to invest your money," Miss Pyasheva said. Muscovites, she declared, would breathe a huge sigh of relief as newly sold shops were freed from the shackles of price control and the wicked middlemen were squeezed out by the market. As long as privatisation was really thorough-going, and extended quickly to financial services, the capitalist experiment would not trigger hyperinflation, Miss Pyasheva insisted, for the new investment opportunities would drain the swollen money supply.

Yet at least a temporary surge in prices, with incalculable social and political consequences, seems almost inevitable, given the inflationary pressures that are already overloading the city's weirdly distorted economy. Salesmen and women at one open meat market — who present themselves as hearty, rosy-cheeked children of the countryside, but are everywhere suspected of being agents for sinister cartels — had the audacity to coo enticingly over hunks of meat at 100 roubles per kg (2.2lb).

That may be less than £2 a pound at the current tourist exchange rate, but the old "official" rate of one rouble per pound sterling gives a clearer idea of how the price seems to the average pensioner. The market price of meat was 30 roubles at the beginning of the year and 60 roubles a month ago. The state price, for which some produce is still available to those prepared to queue, is seven roubles, lifted from two last April.

G7 nations work on Soviet debts

By MARY DEJEVSKY

PRIME ministers of all 12 remaining Soviet republics and officials from the Group of Seven industrialised nations were meeting in Moscow yesterday, trying to thrash out a mechanism to ensure payment of the former Soviet Union's 40 billion rouble (£40 billion) foreign debt.

Payment has become uncertain because of the rapid disintegration of the union and doubts about the readiness of some republics to contribute to repayment. Interspersed with the G7 meetings, the prime ministers also began two days of discussions on an emergency budget to tide the union over until the end of the year and a package of agreements to supplement the economic treaty which has now been signed by ten republics.

Ivan Silayev, recently confirmed as chairman of the inter-republic economic committee — successor to the Soviet government — chaired the meeting and represented Soviet interests to the G7. His private meeting with the G7 was said to have concentrated on repayment of the debt and possible new financial help from the West. But his negotiating position was complicated by a declaration from the four richest Soviet republics at the weekend that no central representative would in future have the authority to represent their interests with international financial institutions.

A provisional agreement worked out by republic prime ministers and G7 officials last month appeared to break down when Azerbaijan subsequently refused to contribute to repayments.

Prince is cleared of killing

Paris — Prince Victor Emmanuel of Savoy, the son of Italy's last king, was cleared by a French court yesterday of killing a German tourist shot during a harbour dispute on the island of Cavallo, off Corsica, 13 years ago.

The jury acquitted the prince, aged 54, of manslaughter but found him guilty of possessing arms. He was given a six-month suspended sentence. He had admitted firing his gun but his defence lawyers claimed the bullet that killed the tourist was fired by someone else. *(Reuter)*

Efta deal delay

Brussels — The accord between the EC and the European Free Trade Area states to create a 19-state common market missed being initialled on schedule because of last-minute legal problems. The EC's independent court of justice will hold a session with the commission and 12 governments on November 26.

City shelled

Moscow — Georgian nationalists attacked the South Ossetian capital of Tskhinvali with artillery and machinegun fire and grenades. Tass reported eight people were seriously wounded and there was a disastrous shortage of food, medicines and fuel. *(AP)*

Epitaph of bitterness for purger par excellence Husak

Husak: purged thousands of intellectuals

From ROGER BOYES
EASTERN EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

GUSTAV Husak of Czechoslovakia, one of the bad old men of East European communism, died yesterday after — according to some reports — receiving the last rites of the Roman Catholic church.

He was one of the Brezhnevite school of leadership, whose other graduates include Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria and Erich Honecker of East Germany, who stifled ideas rather than accept the need for radical reform and the surrender of power.

Husak will be most bitterly remembered for the purge of tens of thousands of intellectuals after the Warsaw Pact invasion of 1968; for making window cleaners out of historians and bus drivers out of mathematicians.

During his last years in power — he was displaced in 1987 by Milos Jakes — he had become a self-satisfied leader, surrounded by corrupt courtiers. His wife died when she insisted on being ferried by helicopter to an elite hospital for treatment of a fractured leg. The pilot, forced against his will to fly in dense fog, crashed the helicopter, killing all on board.

His son was being brought up through the ranks of the young communist movement and treated as a "red prince". It was an era of big aristocratic villas and smart skiing chalets; the hubris of a former revolutionary.

Yet Husak, a trained lawyer, had begun his political career before the war as a committed and modest socialist with a real feeling for his native Slovakia. For many years he was a more flexible and intelligent politician than his great political duelling partner, Alexander Dubcek, currently Speaker of the Czechoslovak parliament.

In December 1943, Husak struck a deal with social democratic partisans and thus strengthened the Slovak resistance movement against Hitler and the puppet Slovak government of Father Josef Tiso. But this deal was flung in his face after the war. Stalinists charged him with "bourgeois nationalism" and with betraying the communist movement. He was jailed for life. Mr Dubcek seemed to support the orthodox line and as late as 1958 — shortly before Husak's rehabilitation and five years after Stalin's death — was still writing critically of his fellow Slovak.

The duel continued through the turbulent days of the Prague Spring, when Mr Dubcek tried to introduce his policy of "socialism with a human face". Husak positioned himself with some skill, plainly distanced from Mr Dubcek but not slavishly pro-Moscow, like his later ideological henchman, Vasil Bilak. But, once in power, Husak lost his political sensitivity and imagined that the purge of intellectuals — accompanied by concessions to Slovakia — would solve the problem. After a while he failed to see that there was a problem at all. He told friends that the repressions of the 1970s were a great personal triumph: he had ensured that Czechs and Slovaks were not executed or sent to gulags.

Instead, as the Czech novelist, Milan Kundera, wrote in *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting*, Husak massacred the country's culture and independent thought. He tried to destroy its memory with Orwellian thoroughness: books, newspapers and films were destroyed and thousands of people were tried, jailed or sacked.

There is some argument in Bratislava about whether Husak really converted to Catholicism in his enforced retirement. Certainly Slovaks were always capable of combining sincere religious belief with a communist commitment — even Mr Dubcek married in church — and Husak's sister was known to be a devout Catholic.

But Husak had a stubborn personality and it is not clear that he would have changed his philosophy quite so dramatically. Whether Husak made his peace with God or not, it will take the Czechs and Slovaks a long time to forgive this man. Despite all the vacuum-cleaning of history in the 1970s and 1980s, they have not forgotten Husak's contribution.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Prized for period perfection

Conductor John Eliot Gardiner has equalled Herbert von Karajan by winning three *Gramophone* awards. He talked to **Richard Morrison**

Here is a measure of the revolution in classical music taste. Ten years ago a man called Karajan won the *Gramophone* Record of the Year award, as well as awards in two individual categories. The feat has never been matched — until now. Yesterday the English conductor John Eliot Gardiner was given both the Record of the Year accolade and the Choral award for his recording of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, and the Opera award for his discs of Mozart's *Idomeneo*. The achievement is remarkable, because Gardiner is primarily a period-instrument man.

In the early Seventies, period instrument performances were regarded as a joke or a menace: amateurish, out-of-tune dabbling. Gradually the quest for "musical authenticity" acquired the economic status of a cottage industry and the moral force of a crusade — a kind of alternative lifestyle for idealistic young musicians. The next stage came when the record companies realised that this kind of performance sold; in fact, it outsold almost everything — except Karajan, of course.

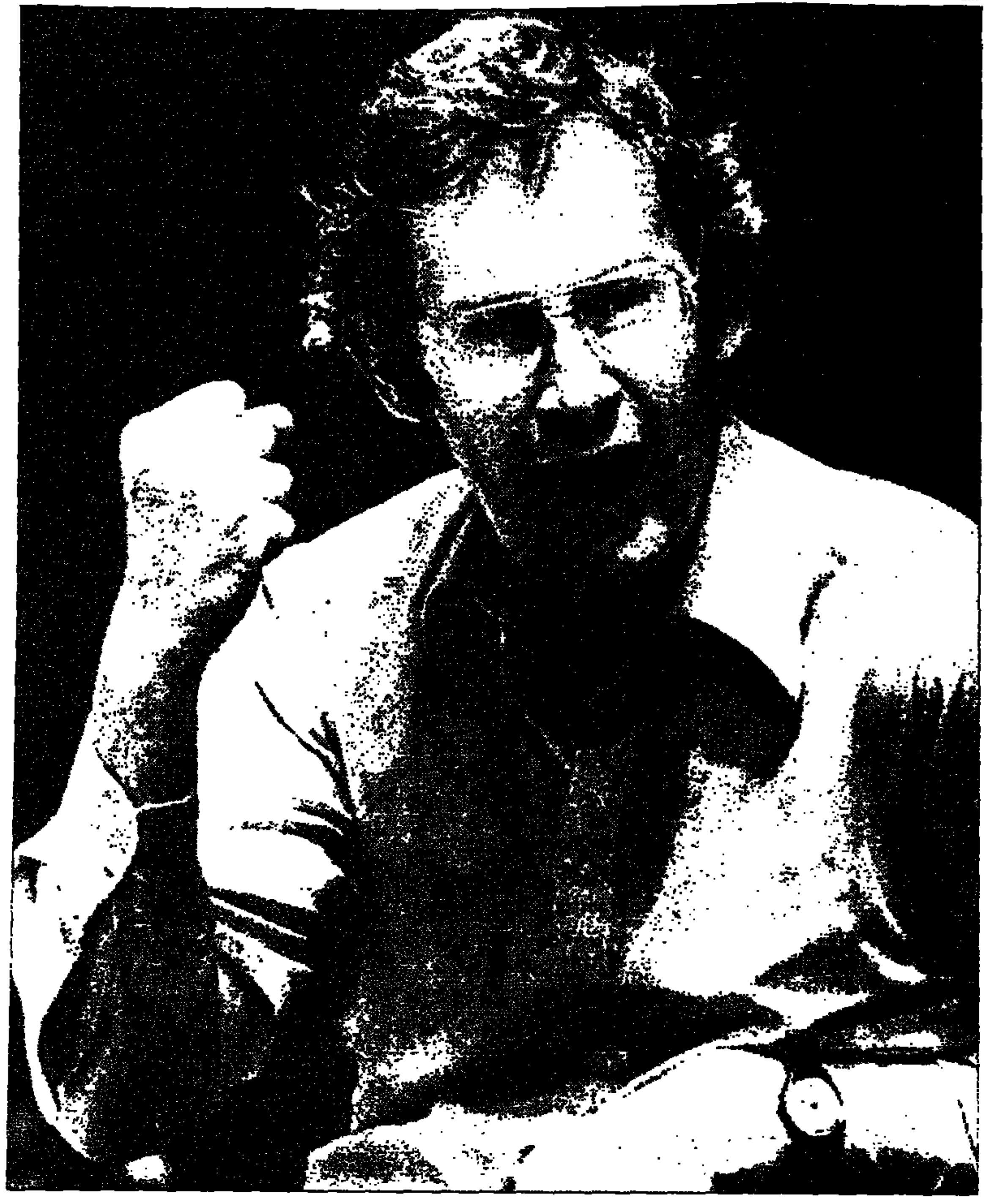
Now the process is complete. Period instruments *are* the mainstream. And Gardiner, who says he has "a horror of mindless homogenisation, of the whole musical repertoire being played in the image of the late 19th century", finds his reputation standing so high that two record companies give him *carte blanche* to record what he likes. His critics may feel that a greater danger lies in the whole musical repertoire being played in the image of J. Eliot Gardiner.

In 1964, that "horror of mindless homogenisation" launched his career. He was an undergraduate at King's, Cambridge — his subjects, chosen with customary flair, were classical Arabic and medieval Spanish — when he inaugurated his Monteverdi Choir with a momentous performance of the Monteverdi *Vespers*. "I began it as a reaction against the Cambridge choral tradition. I was exasperated at hearing the King's choir make everything conform to a precious, 19th-century English style; singing Palestrina as if it were Stanford, and Bach as if it were Stainer."

Four years later, aged just 25, Gardiner was conducting the same work at the Proms. The foundations of his later success were already evident, particularly his indefatigable determination to dig out "what the composer originally intended", even if it meant a chase through the world's great music libraries. "There's no substitute for going back to the sources every time; no excuse for the unquestioning trust that so many conductors place in the printed edition."

He has held to that maxim, whatever period of music he has conducted. In the early Eighties, for instance, he was in charge of the Opéra de Lyon, where he saw his role principally as reviving the superb French baroque operas that had been neglected even by the French — in fact, especially by the French. But then he turned to Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande*, with astonishing results.

"I was quite naive when I started on *Pelleas*. I thought, 'here is a 20th century masterpiece that must have been performed a thousand times as Debussy wanted it.' Then I started to research, and discovered that the printed score is miles away from Debussy. That led me back to the manuscript, and the detective work of why Debussy changed what he did." Gardiner came to believe that Debussy had altered his own orchestration as a "quick damage-limitation exercise", because he was dejected by low orchestral standards. And so Gardiner restored Debussy's first thoughts — making some 450 changes to the printed score — and performed his version in 1985 to a storm of critical fury in France and general amazement everywhere else. It was probably the first time that the scholarly ideals of the historical performance movement had been seriously applied to a late Romantic masterpiece in this way.



GERARD AMSELLEM

Gardiner: "There's no excuse for the unquestioning trust that so many conductors place in the printed edition."

"You need a nose for error," says Gardiner of his quest for authenticity. He might have said the same about his treatment of performers: he is famously intolerant of anything less than perfection. That kind of intolerance, of course, is hardly a weakness in a conductor: it has ensured that the Monteverdi Choir remains the most virtuosic choral force in the world.

What does seem unfortunate is Gardiner's occasional tendency to ride that virtuosity as an end in itself. In certain moods he can race with fantastic flamboyance through music that demands a deeper spiritual response.

Yet even when he is unpersuasive, Gardiner is provocative, bracing, dazzling. And for every musician who has reacted against what might be seen as the patrician manner of a wealthy gentleman farmer (which he also is), there must be ten who revere him as a source of illumination and inspiration.

> *'The foundation of his success is his determination to pursue what the composer intended'*

His latest adventure says much about that. It was a reconstruction last month of Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* in the Paris Conservatoire hall where it was first played, and using the near-obsolete instruments that Berlioz originally specified.

"We used two ophicleides, which Berlioz later rejected as impossible instruments. He substituted tubas, but in doing so he jettisoned brilliant colour. Take the 'Dies Irae' section. We did it as Berlioz originally wrote it — four bassoons playing an octave below an ophicleide and serpent. To begin with, it sounded diabolical: the notes which the ophicleide could get in tune were exactly those that the serpent couldn't. But we worked at it, and finally it came right. The players were wonderful. So was the cor anglais player; he used his entire fee to get a copy made of the instrument which was used in Berlioz's orchestra."

But what is the point of modern-day players struggling to master inferior instruments, if composers like Berlioz were happy to see those instruments made redundant by new technology? "Yes, that may seem a kind of perverse archaeology. But the struggle to master a difficult instrument is part of the musical process. It stops music from sounding slick and plush. My strong feeling is that when Mozart, for instance, is played on a super-slick modern chamber orchestra it can sound sugary and somehow artificial."

Mozart is much on Gardiner's mind. On December 5, the 200th anniversary of the composer's death, Gardiner's performance of Mozart's *Requiem* with the Monteverdi Choir will be transmitted live from the Palau de la Musica in Barcelona by several European television channels (including BBC 2). His cycle of Mozart operas continues on record; and now he intends not just to conduct *Così fan tutte* but to stage it as well.

"No, I'm not trying to start a new career. But just for once I thought a production ought to take its cue from the dramatic clues that can be clearly found in the score. Mozart does it all for you; no need for a stage director to concoct some concept! I have a real allergy to Mozart opera productions that wilfully go against what Mozart is trying to say, and many of them do, at the moment."

Isn't the real problem that quite a lot of opera producers don't read music very well? "Well, you said it; I didn't."

Where does Gardiner go from here? The answer seems to be: everywhere. His Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists continue to form the basis of his 18th century performances. A recently formed 19th-century period instrument orchestra — the ponderously named Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique — will carry him through Brahms and onwards (a period-instrument Verdi *Requiem* is in the pipeline). He is at present recording a Beethoven symphony cycle. And he is the conductor of the (modern instrument) NDR Orchestra in Hamburg.

A cynic might observe that his "horror of mindless homogenisation" has not prevented him from hopping across the centuries with rather more freedom than Dr Who in the Tardis. But Gardiner's music-making will never be mindless or homogenised; whatever musical fields he explores, he will make a point of following in nobody's footsteps.

RADIO

Cosy chats and colour coding

Because people tend to think that programmes such as Conversation Piece (Radio 4, yesterday) are little more than a cheap means of bulking out an essentially dull schedule, the presenter feels obliged to strive for seriousness of tone: "Marsha Hunt, because people tend to think in stereotypes. . . " is an unimprovably confident way in which to open an interview.

One detects a certain conservative quality in the title. The urge to talk candidly about sex and drugs must be resisted at all costs; although one feels that it would not matter greatly to civilisation if Marsha Hunt were never to be interviewed in any medium by Sue MacGregor, or if BBC Publicity had never claimed that her subject had once brought "a paternity suite" against Mick Jagger — apparently Daddy Sofa.

Stereotypes exist, however, even in mono. A quarter of a century ago, for example, when Hunt first arrived on these shores with $1.83 in her purse, she might unobjectionably have been referred to as a negress, a word redolent of 19th century odalisques in oils. Today she is "black". When I saw her in the early Seventies with the reggae genius Desmond Dekker, and again in the 1986 production of Arthur Miller's *The American Clock*, she was still brown.

She kindly told Sue MacGregor — repeatedly referred to as "Sue", just in case anyone was imagining they were listening to, for instanc Captain Hamish MacGreg of the Argyll and Sutherlan — that on a recent return to h native Philadelphia she h been struck by the number f neighbourhoods composed exclusively of "people of a certain. . . um. . . um. . ."

"Background," I suppli out loud. "Background," she echoed. To have acted with the Royal Shakespeare Company (Bianca, of course) and the National Theatre is plainly to have absorbed the mechanics of the prompt corner.

Faced with the choice of having to lunch with Peter Mayle in Provence or being forced to take a singing lesson from José Carreras, many might ask for their money back. These items are currently being auctioned by Radio 2's Children In Need campaign, along with Bergerac's 1947 Triumph Roadster and tickets to the opening of Euro Disneyland. Why not reverse the concept and invite listeners to bid for an exemption?

I tuned in yesterday to discover how the appeal was moving along. The waveband hummed with repeated requests to Mark Wynter to say both "Hi" and "Hullo" to other people. How comforting to find British citizens being friendly in public. They all wanted to hear such offerings as "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree" It makes one feel proud.

MARTIN CROPPER

Marsha Hunt: British resident for more than 25 years

BRIEFING

Here at last

THE Dance for Life gala on December 1 is not only bringing together stars from all of Britain's main dance companies, it also provides a belated opportunity for the Frankfurt Ballet to make its British debut under William Forsythe's direction. Since the American choreographer took over in 1984, the Frankfurt Ballet has become one of Europe's brightest dance companies. The gala at Her Majesty's Theatre will raise funds for Crusaid, the Aids charity. Tickets range from £35 to £250.

All for Alan

LONDON is preparing what amounts to an Alan Bennett festival. On the heels of the two Bennett plays in this season's National Theatre repertoire — *The Wind in the Willows* and his new play *The Madness of George III* — will come a limited West End run of his *Talking Heads* television monologues. Bennett will appear alongside Patricia Routledge, in late January at a theatre to be announced.

Moor or less as you were

THE latest classic film to be restored is Orson Welles's 1952 *Othello*, unseen for many years. An original nitrate print was discovered in a New Jersey warehouse, and the soundtrack has been converted to digital stereo. The restored version will be released next year.

Island life

BRITISH opera companies have surprising spheres of influence. Next week, Scottish Opera for All (the education unit of Scottish Opera) flies off to Barbados for a two-week tour of 20 schools, as part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of Barbados's independence. The Scots will work with 2,000 Barbadian children on a workshop show, *A Day at the Races*. The Peter Moores Barbados Trust is sponsoring the trip.

Last chance . . .

THURSDAY is the last time you can enjoy the very English flappers and feather dusters of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* at English National Opera (Coliseum, 071-836 3161). The Busby-Berkeley-1920s style of Jonathan Miller's brilliantly whimsical production is as strongly cast as ever.

SCULPTURE

More than just reflected glory

John Russell Taylor on a surprising exhibition of Pre-Raphaelite sculpture

The art market naturally tries whenever possible to attach the unloved in some way to the loved, in the hope that it will acquire a reflected glory. Hence such notions as British Impressionism and Symbolist Photography. Could the same be true of **Pre-Raphaelite Sculpture**, a concept floated in a new loan show staged by Joanna Barnes Fine Arts at Matthiesen's West End gallery?

Since few have even considered up to now the existence of a body of sculpture which could be labelled Pre-Raphaelite, it is tempting to think so. But the quality of the essays in the scholarly book accompanying the show, and the fact that it is going on to Birmingham City Art Gallery and Museum, an undoubted centre of learning on the subject of Pre-Raphaelitism, forbids too hasty dismissal. For that matter, one of the original close-knit brotherhood in 1848 was a sculptor, Thomas Woolner, so who should have a more authentic claim to the title of Pre-Raphaelite sculptor?

This show features Woolner prominently, as well as the alleged "missing brother", Bernhard Smith. Woolner is relatively easy to feature prominently, in that once he gave up his hopes of making a fortune in the Australian goldfields and returned to London in 1854, he became a successful and prolific portrait sculptor with a particular corner in depicting Tennyson. He also produced a number of "ideal" subjects, but it is difficult to see anything much in his work — capable and sometimes lively though it is — to distinguish it from any other non-Pre-Raphaelite sculptor of the age.

Smith, who shared a studio with Woolner and went with him to Australia, remains a much more shadowy figure, mainly because he stayed on in Australia and gave up art for natural history. Art works by him are consequently few and far between. The three pieces in the show, particularly the small plaster *Schoolmaster*, do show an intriguingly quirky talent.

Other contemporaries and personal associates of the PRB, such as Alexander Monro, John Lucas Tupper and John Hancock also seem largely indistinguishable from the Victorian sculptural norm, though Tupper does on occasion (not here) show signs of the obsessive Pre-Raphaelite interest in microscopic detail. The show becomes a bit livelier when it moves onto the broader influence of Pre-Raphaelite painting and ideas on sculptors of a later generation.

Burne-Jones's statuesque mythological figures clearly impressed many younger artists, and signs of his influence are clear in the armoured figures of Reynolds-Stevens and the young Alfred Gilbert. The feminine ideal of George Frampton is very close to the wan Pre-Raphaelite idea of beauty, and the coloured reliefs of the painter and illustrator Robert Anning Bell are very like late Pre-Raphaelite paintings with a slight sculptural element added.

Although the show can hardly be claimed to open eyes to the existence of an important new strand in British sculpture, it raises many questions, and admirably documents its own answers. It also makes clear that Pre-Raphaelitism was not the dead end it has often been taken for.

Most surprising and indeed unlikely of the objects on show is a small figure group by Sargent, rendering in three dimensions a famous drawing by Rossetti, of all people: *How They Met Themselves*. Artistic influence truly moves in mysterious ways.

● **Pre-Raphaelite Sculpture.** Matthiesen Gallery, 7/8 Mason's Yard, SW1 (071-930 2437) Mon-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, until December 12.

Painterly: *Mother and children* by Robert Anning Bell

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The shining stars of India

Cartier has returned to the opulence of India, and a golden age of jewellery, for its latest designs. **Vivienne Becker** reports

Never forget old styles: brooch with diamonds, rubies and emeralds

As a centrepiece to his magnificent 17th-century court, the mighty Shah Jahan, the greatest of Mogul sovereigns, built his legendary Peacock Throne entirely of dazzling gems and pearls. It was said that each gem in the throne was worthy "to serve as an ear-drop for Venus" or "as an adornment for the girdle of the sun".

Through this fabled throne, carried off to Persia a century later, Shah Jahan left a legacy of exoticism that was to surface in the early 20th century as the essential ingredient in art deco jewellery design, and which is evident again now in a new collection from the French jewellers Cartier.

Cartier began a long and fruitful association with Indian gems and jewels in 1901 when it was invited by the fashion-conscious Queen Alexandra to refashion some of the Indian jewels received by Queen Victoria as Empress of India (among them the Koh-i-noor). The company's spicy Indian-inspired jewels of the 1920s and 1930s are among the most desirable of collector's classics. Now Cartier has delved into the durbar of designs to come up with its latest international collection, Route des Indes.

The new collection is a clever modern translation of the Indian theme from the golden years of Cartier's history. The new jewels are versatile, sporty yet exotic, a blend of modern stylisation with figurative forms, and an underlying mystical symbolism.

The designs, which are based on bamboo, the symbol of prosperity, have been beautifully modelled and textured into chunky links, either in matt gold or diamond set, joined to form articulated necklaces and bangles. Necklaces can be bought one strand at a time or as a deep oriental-looking collar of four rows. Prices start at about £1,000.

When Jaques Cartier, the founder of the Bond Street branch in London, made his first trip to India in 1911, fashionable Paris was already enveloped in the vibrant exoticism of the Ballet Russe and the luscious orientalism of Paul Poiret, the French fashion designer, who, in true Mogul style, produced a synthesis of Indian and Parisian ornament. In India, M Cartier's charm curried favour with the most powerful potentates, the Maharaja of Kapurthala, the Nizam of Hyderabad, and the Gaekwar of Baroda.

The Gaekwar had a passion for jewellery; his treasures were valued at the time at "a dozen million dollars". After meeting M Cartier, he immediately wanted to have his fabulous jewel collection reset in fashionable platinum.

The young Indian maharajas were dashing, Oxford-educated international stars, who were keen on the latest fashions in London and Paris where they appeared bedecked in jewelled splendour; glorious feather-shaped ornaments nestling in silk turbans fringed with emerald globules, belts buckled with diamonds, bodices slung with gem-set chains and covered in row upon row of egg-sized pearls.

M Cartier landed in the midst of an era of untold wealth that was to intoxicate Europe and the United States. There was a cross-fertilisation of cultures and ornament: the Indians had traditional and even crown jewels remodelled in art deco style, while westerners craved jewels that captured all the colour and richness of India. The brilliant enamels of Lucknow and Isfahan had a huge impact on art deco design, shapes and forms of turban ornaments and tassels were integrated into 1920s jewellery, and the Maharajahs' multi-strand necklaces inspired the flappers' fashion for coloured bead *sautoirs*.

Cartier, searching out the great Indian-engraved gems, also bought quantities of small rubies, sapphires and emeralds, cut and engraved in leaf, blossom and berry shapes, which were assembled in Paris and New York into wildly popular "fruit salad" jewels, adored by high-society ladies.

The original: a maharajah wears the type of ornaments that inspired today's designs

Like Cartier's modern colourful interpretations, they paid homage both to the treasures of Mogul India and to the hot palette of the Ballet Russe. For once, however, due to the spirit of the empire, it was the London branch of Cartier that worked most closely with the Maharajahs on these jewel commissions.

In the modern collection elephants, symbols of wisdom and strength, either in gold or pavé set with diamonds, are strung trunk to tail into collars, bracelets or wide rings (the necklace below is £86,674). Gem-studded ceremonial elephant brooches (the one shown here costs £18,125) are draped with classic Cartier panther link chains. The elephant is reminiscent of the 1920s mania for all things Indian, of the American society hostess Elsie de Wolfe's soirées with live elephants, and also of Cartier's tradition of animal jewels, established by Jeanne Toussaint, its extraordinarily gifted designer of the 1930s and 1940s, who had herself worn Indian jewels in the 1910s. It was Toussaint who in 1933 championed the return to brilliant yellow gold, sacred to the gods of India.

Other pieces in the collection are inspired by the architectural motifs of Indian palaces and temples, abstract gold jewels with modelled or openwork curves and arabesques. Along the same lines, Cartier has introduced a riot of Ballet Russe or Mogul colours, with little rubies, sapphires and emeralds, star-set into rings or as sleek lines wound around a turban knot of diamonds.

Gold from trunk to tail: 18ct necklace with diamonds and emeralds

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Posturing for comfort

Nicole Swengley on a contemporary exhibition that backs healthy seating

Are we sitting comfortably? Not according to the National Back Pain Association, which attributes one of the most common causes of absence from work to modern sedentary working conditions.

But an exhibition of contemporary seating, opening at London's Business Design Centre today, aims to prove that it is possible to sit comfortably at work.

All of the 300 chairs on show – for hotels, restaurants, theatres and conference halls, as well as offices – have been approved by an advisory panel which includes the respected furniture designer Rodney Kinsman of OMK, and was headed by Ron Arad of One Off, the avant-garde furniture company. About a quarter of the original applicants were turned down.

According to Mervyn Bryn-Jones, the executive director of the National Back Pain Association, there are seven design points in the ideal chair for the office worker. "The chair should be adjustable to allow users to sit with their feet flat on the floor," he says. "The seat should be deep enough to support the full length of the thighs, but not so deep that the back rest cannot be used. Seats with a slightly forward tilt can be comfortable, while a curved-front edge prevents pressure behind the knees. The back rest should be adjustable in height to support the curve of the spine. A five-star base [five spokes and feet] is essential for stability."

Hille Executive Furniture says the Meridio range of six chairs, designed by Michael Dye, meets these requirements and encourages the body to adopt a correct and natural posture without imposing a set position and with minimal adjustment of the chair by its user. " "It moves forward and backward with you," says Eric Hawse, Hille's managing director.

President Office Furniture is showing the Basys office chair, designed to offer lower back support as the user moves into different positions.

"This one is slimline, not overpadded, and is technically superior," says Martin Long, President's product manager. "For example, it is adjusted by an easy-to-grasp hand wheel on the side, whereas most chairs have the mechanism under the seat."

Away from the office, Hostess Furniture has addressed the postural problems commonly suffered by musicians. Its Opus collection of ergonomically designed orchestral seating was developed in collaboration with Birmingham Polytechnic's school of furniture design, and has been chosen for Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's new home at the International Convention Centre.

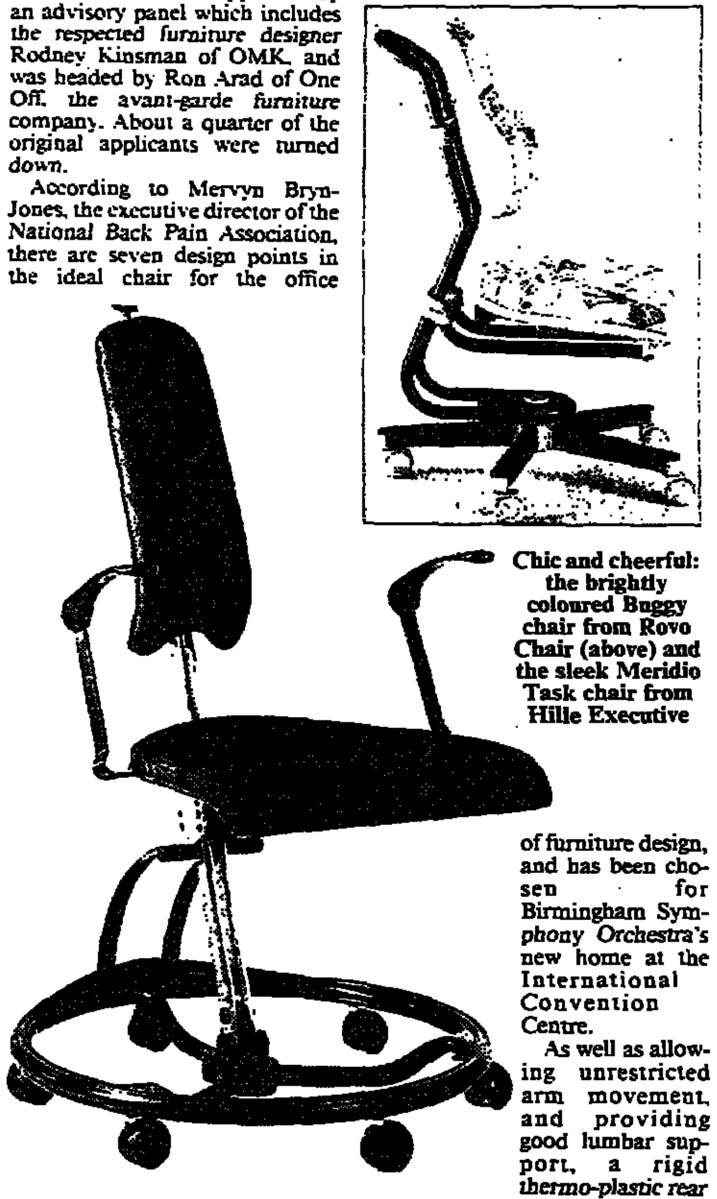
As well as allowing unrestricted arm movement, and providing good lumbar support, a rigid thermo-plastic rear surface enables musicians to hear their own sound reflected from the chair in front.

Dieter Rams, of Braun, has designed a desk/dining chair, said to be suitable for home or office use, in conjunction with the designer Jurgen Greubel, for the Frankfurt-based company Vitsoe. Made of solid ash and aluminium tube, it has a laminated ash seat set in springs to offer a sturdy yet light and stackable chair.

Among the more unusual chairs being unveiled is a post-modern seat with a totem-like wooden back by Derek Pearce, and a graceful, laminated plywood and tubular steel bar stool by Steven Lovell, who graduated from Leeds Polytechnic last year, and is currently setting up Pressure, his own company.

Whether such innovative seating will achieve the status of Charles Eames's classic chairs, also on show courtesy of Vitra, we will have to sit tight and see.

Sit '91 runs from November 19 to 21 at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington Green, London N1 0QH (071-359 3535).



Chic and cheerful: the brightly coloured Buggy chair from Rovo Chair (above) and the sleek Meridio Task chair from Hille Executive

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Means to make meddlers leave their mark

Products can never be made completely tamper-proof, writes **Nicole Swengley**

If Lucozade came in a cast-iron safe with a hole for the straw, it would have made little difference to last week's contamination scare. Determined saboteurs, it is generally agreed, will rise to the challenge posed by any container, however secure.

In any case, new designs are constrained by conflicts between product safety and concerns about over-packaging and recyclability. And the harder a container is to tamper with, the harder the consumer will find it to open.

For those reasons, British designers are following the American lead in making packaging that shows when it has been tampered with, rather than searching for new ways to make it totally tamper-proof.

As a result of the Tylenol incident in the United States in 1982, in which the pain-relief pill was laced with cyanide, killing six people, US packaging laws were tightened and all drugs have to be packed in tamper-evident packaging. There is no similar legislation here, although many manufacturers follow guidelines from the Proprietary Association of Great Britain.

One of the latest tamper-evident devices in America is a seal with micron-capsulated ink which stains packs when opened. So far this has not been used in Britain owing to difficulties posed by large-scale production.

A device common in the United States now being introduced in Britain on some pharmaceutical products is a specially treated tape which, when peeled off, reveals the words "void" or "don't touch" to prevent replacement. Multi-layered laminates which display a different colour when disturbed are also being developed, and Lawson Mardon, the British specialist packager, is pursuing new ideas for closure systems in conjunction with British glass manufacturers.

"All devices have their pros and cons," says Catherine Lauzon, a packaging technologist with Lewis Moberly, the design consultants. "We tend to employ plastic shrink sleeves to cover the top of a closure and try to make it part of the overall design."

'In the end, it is the consumers who need to be as vigilant as the designers of these devices'

According to the British Packaging Industry's Research Association (PIRA), considerably more products with physical deterrents are appearing on supermarket shelves than a few years ago.

Attempts to tear or remove paper or plastic labels linking cap to jar are easy to spot and, like the plastic shrink sleeves firmly gripping a closure or bottle top, are hard to replace. White metal caps on vacuum-packed glass jars, which are slightly depressed until clicked open to break the seal, also show meddling, while many screw-top containers, such as soft drinks, have plastic tops with rings which shear away when opened.

Christopher Griffin, of Packaging Innovation, which designs packs for Nestlé, Heinz, and Procter & Gamble, says: "Ninety per cent of our work now has a tamper-evident slant. We estimate that about 40 per cent of food and drink packaging on sale at supermarkets is presently non-tamper-evident, but current initiatives seem likely to reduce this figure to 5 per cent by 1994.

"We try to keep our work in this area as low-profile as possible to avoid exploitation. We're aiming for a subliminal approach so that customers will automatically reject suspect packaging. Packs that change colour through a chemical reaction when disturbed are being developed, but could double the cost.

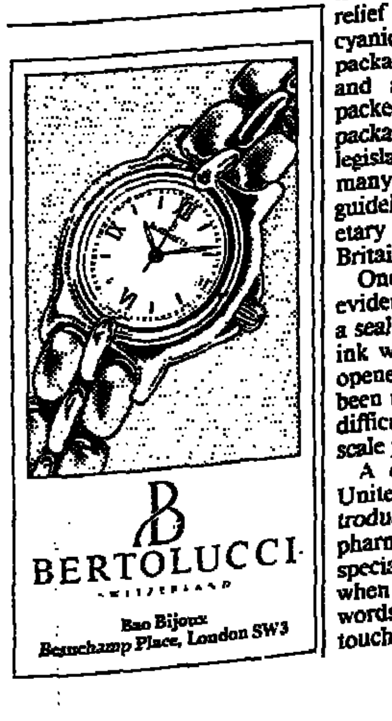
"What annoys me is that we are encouraged to use minimal materials for environmental reasons, yet we are forced into using extra packaging because of consumer terrorism. We estimate that it will cost £450 million to resolve this problem in the next year alone, yet I don't think the public even remembers who perpetrates the scares."

Some companies rely on the inherent design of a particular package to ward off sabotage. Three billion Tetra Paks, containing fruit juice or milk, are sold each year in Britain. Peter Wiggs, Tetra Pak UK Ltd's information manager, says: "Because the packages are completely filled, any attempt made to break in should be clearly visible since liquid will be released."

Manufacturers in search of a packaging consultant with specific expertise should contact the Design Council, which has a data base of 800 vetted and approved companies.

According to Hilary Ayshford, of *Packaging Week* magazine, there have been no significant developments for some time. "Manufacturers do their best, but you can put all the safety measures in the world on a product, and still fail to prevent tampering.

"But do consumers bother to check what they buy? In the end, it is the consumers who need to be as vigilant as the designers of these devices."



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Wholehearted into Europe

Roy Hattersley says it is time for Britain to embrace the federal future

What does the government hope to achieve at Maastricht? The question is rarely asked and never answered. We know what ministers are determined to avoid, prevent and postpone. References to federalism, no matter how oblique, are intolerable. Implementation of the social charter is unacceptable. An extension of majority voting is unthinkable. The prime minister set the tone, rather than the agenda, during his Guildhall speech. It would be wrong to join a single currency now. But it would be equally wrong to rule out membership for ever. Our partners must believe that John Major is going to the summit with only one emotion: regret it is happening.

The prime minister's apologists argue that he is right not to show his hand. Meetings between heads of state and government should not be conducted like a Conservative Club whist drive. Participants with positive aims do not spring their suggestions on surprised opponents. Civil servants began the negotiations weeks ago. The British permanent representative should have already set out what Britain hopes to achieve: proposals designed to benefit us and at the same time move the Community ahead as the other members want. The two objectives are complementary.

Hattersley: Europe wants us to take part

Closer union is inevitable. We can choose to influence its shape and pace, or we can let it develop without our influence. Of course, we shall sign up in the end. The danger of missing the European boat is that without Britain on board from the start, it will not steer in the direction which we would choose.

John Major describes himself as "not a moral philosopher . . . but a practical politician". He does not need to be a visionary to realise that practical politics requires something more than immobilism. Britain ought to negotiate in Maastricht from a position of strength. Our partners want — some would say need — Britain to be part of a more closely integrated Europe. The prime minister should tell them that our participation is guaranteed if the new union contributes to our greater prosperity and welfare. He should set out the extensions of Community policy which will achieve that end.

Instead, the Chancellor said on Thursday night, we shall "wait and see" whether the Community, with Britain carping from the side-lines, evolves in the way we want. That happy outcome is unlikely unless we influence the evolution. The Labour government will define the sort of union we want to see, and negotiate for its creation.

The prime minister is prevented from doing this by three handicaps: his character (which draws him instinctively towards procrastination), the divisions in his party (which are too obvious to need description) and the Community's commitment to what Margaret Thatcher called "socialism by the back door". The new Europe our partners want to build will implement policies which, although enthusiastically supported by German Christian Democrats, are regarded in Smith Square as bolshevism. That applies to the economic as well as the social programme. It is the explanation of the government's resistance to a limited extension of majority voting in the Council of Ministers. Retention of the unanimity rule enables EC Luddites to block progress on environmental policies.

The single European currency — like the single market which preceded and prepared for it — offers undoubted benefit to the EC as a whole and to those individual member states with economies and governments capable of seizing the advantage.

For Britain to enjoy part of the bonus, all members must work towards real economic convergence. That involves more than matching inflation rates — an aim which can be realised by collapsing the weaker economies. It requires a mutual commitment to policies that allow sustained economic growth without the constant risk of current account deficits. It obliges the Community to develop an effective regional policy. No such beneficial progress will be possible without the creation of an accountable central bank.

The Foreign Secretary warns us against EC intrusion into the nooks and crannies of British life. He must know that it already inhabits innumerable crevices. Fifteen years ago, during the "harmonisation programme", Brussels acquired rights over the specification of pressure vessels, the designation of hops and the safety requirements of track-laying vehicles. Douglas Hurd's objection is not to the extent of the proposed intrusion but to the areas in which it will take place. A single market for labour is essential to real economic union. The government resists that development for wholly ideological reasons.

Admittedly, the social charter is built around principles which the Labour party has held to since its formation, such as the protection of employees against exploitation and the creation of a constantly improving working environment. A Tory government which wanted to be at the heart of Europe would rise above its dogmatic objections and realise the importance of the charter to our partners. Implementation would give European unity a meaning to millions of men and women who have not read Racine and regard the Common Agricultural Policy as an expensive farce. Only prejudice prevents its inclusion in our negotiating mandate.

There will be passionate promises to defend British interests. Unfortunately, the prime minister will neglect to define what Britain's interests really are.

Waite's reckless heroism

Clifford Longley explains why a freelance envoy gambled away his freedom

JUDAH PASSOW/NETWORK

Driving force: a flamboyant figure before his ordeal, Waite became obsessed with his mercy missions despite many warnings

Terry Waite's last mission to Beirut was an extraordinary act of trust and courage: mistaken trust and foolhardy courage. He trusted his safety to ruthless street-fighters, convinced they took him at face-value as a disinterested do-gooder because they knew nothing of his role on the margins of the Irangate affair.

He rejected emphatic urging not to go back to Beirut, including advice from the Archbishop of Canterbury which fell little short of a direct order. The British ambassador to the Lebanon, John Gray, personally advised him against returning to Beirut, as did the Foreign Office. Wallid Jumblatt, the Druze leader whose protection Mr Waite sought during his last few days of freedom, said later that he too had warned him of the risks he was running.

All the other Western hostages in Lebanon were innocent victims of bad luck; Mr Waite was the author of his own misfortunes. He was unique among modern hostages in having surrendered voluntarily to his captives. He had apparently been in their custody before, and they had released him within hours. This time the captivity lasted nearly five years.

What took him to Beirut on the last occasion was a conviction that he was immune from being taken hostage more than temporarily, because nothing would be gained by holding him. For the conviction to hold, however, he had to persuade his captors of this. Just how he miscalculated, only he can say, but hostage-takers who do not know the difference between an Irishman and a Briton, as Brian Keenan discovered, are easily capable of confusing an envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury with an agent of the CIA.

The story has never been fully told, but Mr Waite was a central character in the release of two American hostages, the Rev Benjamin Weir and Father Martin Jenco, both of whom were set free as part (it emerged later) of the notorious arms-for-hostages deal with Iran. When details began to leak out in 1986, Mr Waite expressed himself astonished. But he had had direct dealings with some of the key people in the Irangate affair, including Colonel Oliver North. At the very least, the Beirut Shia militia groups he had dealt with must have felt he had some explaining to do.

Well versed in Islam, Mr Waite knew it is contrary to its creed to detain a genuinely neutral religious intermediary; and the man he represented, the Archbishop of Canterbury, had no obvious axe to grind in the Middle East. But to a Lebanese Shia, distinctions between various Christian denominations are as inconsequential as the varieties of Islam are to Western Christians. Mr Waite had to convince his contacts not only that the government was not involved with his mission (and the relationship between church and state in England is not easy to explain to a Shia Muslim), but that there was no conceivable link between a Church of England primate and the Lebanese Christian militias, which the Shia saw as dangerous opponents.

Mr Waite appeared to have convinced his contacts during his earlier visits, although he afterwards dined out on stories of sitting blindfolded with two machine-guns pointed at his back while being questioned about his real purposes.

So he was already a flamboyant international figure when he embarked on the most dangerous of all his missions in January 1987, an attempt to contact and intercede with the shadowy Islamic militia groups in the Lebanon who were holding more than 20 foreign hostages. The Foreign Office advised Mr Waite not to go, and he himself had misgivings, but his dedication had reached the point of obsession. One source described him banging his hand into his fist in the course of a conversation, insisting "I've got to get them out — I've just got to get those chaps out."

But things had changed in Beirut since his previous visits. Not only had there been shifts in street power and splits in the militia groupings, but the Irangate disclosures had begun to surface, and Mr Waite's credentials as a peaceable religious envoy with no covert government or Western intelligence connections had been damaged. Tehran must have suspected some undisclosed connection, and might well have tipped off its Shia proxies in Lebanon.

Clutching nothing but a "To whom it may concern" letter from Dr Runcie, Mr Waite put himself under the protection of Druze bodyguards, according to the arrangements he had made previously with Wallid Jumblatt. On January 20, however, he slipped from them, in order, he said, to "keep an appointment". Nobody knew with whom.

Mr Waite saw hostage-taking as a mental tug of war. The harder those outside tried to pull the captives free, the harder the hostage-takers would hang on to them. His safety required, therefore, that as soon as he was voluntarily in their custody once more, the rope to the outside world would be left completely slack. It was a subtle gamble.

He had left strict instructions that nobody was to go in after him if he disappeared, no ransom or deal was ever to be mentioned, so it was two weeks before Lambeth Palace, his home base, began even to express concern about his safety. For about a week, based on reassuring messages from the Druze, it seemed that Mr Waite was indeed pursuing his negotiations with the hostage-takers. Lambeth Palace staff put out word that they were "sure" he knew what he was doing and would soon re-emerge.

The passage of time proved otherwise. The silence of the intervening months was broken only by a constant flow of rumours, often contradictory, never verified, as to who was holding him and why, where he was, whether he was alive or dead.

The most widely believed account of his fate was that he had fallen into the hands of Hezbollah, a militant Shia group which was strong in the southern suburbs of West Beirut. But although the Hezbollah is closely allied to Iran, no reliable news of Mr Waite's whereabouts reached the West from Tehran before 1991. Dr Runcie even approached Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani, now Iranian president and then Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, and received a warm and willing reply which denied any knowledge of Mr Waite and promised, apparently in all innocence, to make enquiries.

Other efforts were made by the church to establish contacts which could favour Mr Waite's release. Senior churchmen visited Cyprus and later Tehran, but these efforts never offered anything but further frustration and false hopes, and on one occasion the payment of "expenses" to a purported intermediary. Dr Runcie set his face against any deal, but had to admit privately that even if he had been prepared to offer terms for Mr Waite's release, there was nothing he could think of he could put on the table. There was at one point vague talk of an *ex gratia* church payment to a Muslim hospital, but the archbishop's scruples were aroused even by that.

The political balance in the Middle East was such that it was not hard to imagine why groups sympathetic to Iran or to the Syrians might want to hold Mr Waite as a bargaining counter. The Americans had proved they were willing to do deals for hostages, and Mr Waite's American connections may have seemed clear enough. Leverage over Britain could be useful to Iran in connection with the Iran-Iraq war, or to Syria in connection with the severance of diplomatic relations (now restored) between London and Damascus. Meanwhile Lambeth Palace and the Foreign Office repeatedly insisted in public that where Mr Waite was concerned no deals were possible, hoping word might reach whomever held him.

Six foot seven inches tall and the son of a village policeman, Terry Waite had had a curious career before he stumbled into his 1980s vocation as an international peacemaker. Leaving school in Cheshire at 16, he joined the Grenadier Guards, but was soon invalided out after being diagnosed as allergic to the dye used in army uniforms. However, his brief time in the army brought him into contact with the Church Army, a Church of England men's society based partly on the example of the Salvation Army. He was accepted, trained, and commissioned as a full-time layman in the service of the church. He was never ordained a priest, and several times insisted that he saw his role as that of a lay minister. In subsequent years his connection with the Church Army grew more tenuous, though he never formally left it.

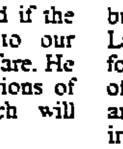
In his first stationing, in Bristol, he became involved in projects to increase the involvement of ordinary lay members in the life and work of the church. Psychological training became his speciality, particularly the technique called T-group therapy. The then Bishop of Bristol, the Rt Rev Oliver Tomkins, eventually nominated him as a member of an international commission to Uganda, training not so much laymen as priests and even bishops. In 1969 he joined the staff of the church in Uganda on a three-year contract, during which time he expanded considerably his ecumenical horizons and contacts.

In 1980, after working in Rome for two missionary bodies, he joined the staff being created by the newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace. He was to be Dr Runcie's secretary for Anglican Communion affairs, handling the archbishop's relationships with Anglicans outside the church in England. In that capacity he was seen to be the most suitable person to intervene in the name of the archbishop when four English missionaries were detained in Iran in the wake of the overthrow of the Shah. They were, in effect, hostages taken from the (tiny) Anglican church in Iran, in what seemed to be the start of a wave of anti-Christan agitation led by post-revolutionary Islamic fundamentalists.

Success in Tehran in 1981 led to his involvement when Libya similarly detained some British businessmen (his pretext was that one of them had been a church organist). He dealt directly with Colonel Gadaffi, who was impressed by his knowledge of and respect for Islam.

That in turn took him to Beirut, again with a mandate to intercede in what could still plausibly be described as a church matter, for two of the hostages were clergy. Only for his last project did he drop the pretence that his mission was church business: no such claim was made, for instance, for his attempts to gain the release of John McCarthy, the British television journalist.

In 1986 Mr Waite started to let it be known that he would not mind too much if his international hostage-mediating role came to an end, and even that he would be prepared to consider a career move from Lambeth Palace. He strongly approved of a leading article in *The Times* which suggested that this kind of work was no longer appropriate for a church envoy. His trip to Beirut at the start of 1987 was already, in his mind, his final venture.



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CRAIG BROWN

Over the past year, the movements of every Conservative MP during the days leading up to November 22, 1990 have been recorded by journalists, biographers and historians; the movements of every Conservative MP, that is, except one. A backbencher (for all but two weeks) since his election in 1970, Sir Shortley Peverill MP has 18 times been voted Least Distinguished Backbencher of the Year in a poll of fellow MPs, losing the title only once, in 1985, because so few colleagues had heard of him.

He enjoyed a very brief period in a position of minimal influence when he was appointed parliamentary private secretary to the under-secretary of state for fisheries in late January 1986. But this influence came to an end early that February, when Sir Shortley was forced to resign following an ill-considered statement to the press. Speaking from the department of fisheries, he formally decried fish as "awful wet slippery things with no legs to speak of and a shifty look to their eyes" which "I wouldn't touch with a bargepole". He was later to claim that he had been quoted completely out of context — "I was talking about my ministerial colleagues".

As part of a damage-limitation exercise, he launched a special photo-opportunity on Westminster Green, clutching three tins of sardines and grinning broadly. Sadly, no photographers turned up, leaving him all by himself with his sardines and his grin. Cornered later by the disgruntled MP and asked to explain their absence, the parliamentary press photographers said they had been suddenly called away on a more urgent assignment: Mr John Gummer had been spotted nearby wearing a new-ish grey tie and talking to someone who may have been Mr John Moore.

But Sir Shortley Peverill was not a man to let an upset get the better of parliamentary ambition. Some time in the mid-Eighties, he had had the good luck to be asked the time of day by Norman Fowler, then secretary of state for employment. Priding himself on having successfully informed the secretary of state the time — correct to the nearest ten minutes or so — he felt sure that eventually, perhaps after some years, this favour would be more than repaid by a top-notch appointment.

When the challenge to the leadership of Mrs Thatcher came in November 1990, Sir Shortley was one of the first backbenchers to declare his position quite openly and without any hesitation. "My own view", he told John Sergeant on Westminster Green, having scurried there within two minutes of the declaration, "is that Sir Norman Fowler stands an excellent chance and he has my full and unequivocal support."

Politely but firmly informed by Sergeant that the challenge was being mounted not by Fowler but by Heseltine, Sir Shortley at first appeared shaken. "This is bad news for the party and, more importantly, for the country as a whole," he said, later complaining that he had been quoted out of context, claiming that what he had really said was: "This is good news for the party, and, more importantly, for the country as a whole."

Asked by his local newspaper whether this meant he was supporting Mr Heseltine or Mrs Thatcher, he replied, "Yes, absolutely, I want no one to be in any doubt about that."

So far, so good, but Sir Shortley Peverill's movements over the next ten days now grow increasingly obscure. He rates no mention whatsoever in Alan Watkins' new book on the leadership election, although Aneurin Bevan merits eight mentions and even Emma Nicholson gets two.

What now seems clear is this: not wishing to jeopardise his future career in the first ballot, Sir Shortley lent his full and unqualified support to both contenders, in the mornings canvassing for Mrs Thatcher ("firm leadership and vision"), in the afternoons for Mr Heseltine ("vision and firm leadership"), all the while delivering coded messages to Norman Fowler urging him most strongly to throw his cap into the ring, constantly assuring him that he could count on at very least three votes, owing to the margin of error.

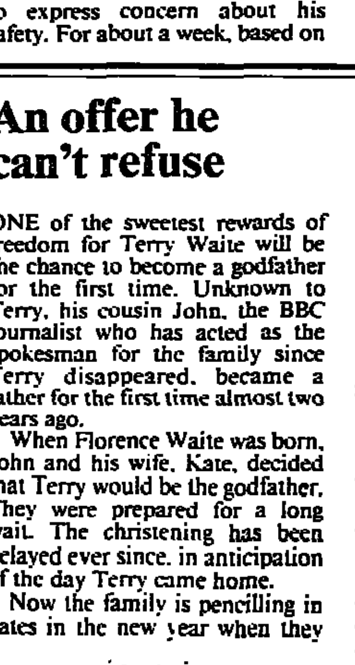
THE TIMES DIARY

An offer he can't refuse

ONE of the sweetest rewards of freedom for Terry Waite will be the chance to become a godfather for the first time. Unknown to Terry, his cousin John, the BBC journalist who has acted as the spokesman for the family since Terry disappeared, became a father for the first time almost two years ago.

When Florence Waite was born, John and his wife, Kate, decided that Terry would be the godfather. They were prepared for a long wait. The christening has been delayed ever since, in anticipation of the day Terry came home.

Now the family is pencilling in dates in the new year when they hope Terry will be well enough to make his vows alongside a long-standing friend of the family. Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, is expected to officiate.



Worth his wait in gold
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While the family may decide on a low key service, Lambeth Palace is not likely to raise any objection to the service taking place at Westminster Abbey. Wherever it is held, Terry is expected to accept the role with enthusiasm.

One of John's colleagues at the BBC says: "John was determined from the very outset that Terry would be the godfather. They would have waited years if they had to, even though Florence has outgrown the christening outfit."

It could even turn out to be a double ceremony at the font. John's wife Kate is expecting her second child at Christmas.

- *One of the last official duties Terry Waite performed before leaving for his ill-fated trip to the Middle East was to switch on the Christmas lights for Blackheath village traders' association. With this year's illuminations due to be switched on this Saturday, the traders are hoping that if Terry is not back in time a member of his family will perform the honours.*

A write scramble

WITHIN hours of his release yesterday the bidding began for the rights to Terry Waite's memoirs, which are worth approximately a third of a million pounds. Hodder & Stoughton and HarperCollins seem to be favourites for the contract.

The Waite family has already appointed an agent to deal with the negotiations. Mark Lucas from Peters, Fraser & Dunlop was signed up last week by the family when the first rumours began of Waite's impending release.

Lucas was chosen because of his experience in handling the negotiations for the memoirs of John McCarthy and Jill Morrell, which were sold last week to Bantam Press for a rumoured £350,000. But Peters, Fraser & Dunlop may never see the benefits of a similarly lucrative contract. "Terry may not want a literary agent and may handle it all himself," says Lambeth Palace.

Ron Chopping, managing director of HarperCollins religious books, envisages two books with the first out by the end of January. Chopping says: "I think it would focus on how he sustained himself with his religious beliefs while he was incarcerated." The second book, a year later, would be more autobiographical, according to Chopping.

Abbey ending

A FADED crimson velvet footstool used at the coronation of George IV has returned to Westminster Abbey after 170 years. The footstool was sold for £35,750 by an anonymous vendor at a Sotheby's auction last week.

"It was from a private collection," says Graham Child, the head of furniture at Sotheby's. "The owner is now dead and the children have no idea where the footstool came from. It's a mystery, but a mystery with a happy ending, as it has now returned to the abbey."

The footstool originally cost £41 17s 6d, a considerable sum for its time, but the Lord Chamberlain's department alone spent £111,810 8s 2d on the coronation ceremony in 1821, more than seven times that spent on the coronation of the king's father, George III, in 1761.

Although the reserve price was £10,000-£15,000, George Levy, the Mayfair furniture dealer, bought it on behalf of the abbey with contributions from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the National Art Collections Fund.

Smart decision

WHAT'S in a word? Quite a lot to the sponsors of the Smarties children's fiction award, especially if it's a four letter one. Robert Westall's *Yaxley's Cat* was on the shortlist for the nine-to-12-years age group. But when the judges met to consider its merits it was made clear to them that because the book was littered with so many swearwords it should not win the £8,000 prize on Thursday.

Westall won in 1989 with *Blitzcat* but it was a controversial choice because of the bad language in the novel. Angry parents wrote to the Book Trust, which runs the prize, to complain.

Celia Parry-Jones of the trust says: "We thought Rowntree should know about the language Mr Westall used in this year's book." One source involved in the competition says: "It seems that Rowntree decided that youngsters should be shielded from such words." Rowntree denies any foul play.

- *There has been much speculation about the contents of the black briefcase which follows Boris Yeltsin around the international stage. But far from containing the secret codes to Russia's nuclear weapons, as some reports have suggested, the case is a bullet-proof screen, which is held at chest height by two loyal retainers, whenever the president speaks in public.*

Sow justice, and reap loyalty. Break up your fallow ground: it is time to seek the Lord, till he comes and rains justice on you.
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BIRTHS

AIREY - On November 5th, to Janet (née Bazley) and Ian, a son, Thomas Frank Charles, a brother for Charlotte.

BARR-SIM - On November 16th, to Katie (née Taylor) and Andrew, a son, Edward Hugh Blair.

BARTON - On November 14th, to Nigel and Kate (née Bicket), a son, Tom, a brother for Lily and Ned.

CARTER - On November 15th 1991, to Elizabeth (née Gray) and Jonathan, a son, Charles David Ramsay.

CECIL - On November 15th, to Katie (née Whalley) and Anthony, a daughter, Emily Sarah.

COLTHURST - On November 14th, to Nora (née Kelleher) and Charles, a daughter, Isabel Janet Denys.

CUMMINGS-BUTTERFIELD - On November 9th in Cambridge, to Ardis and Brian, a son, Thomas Felix Martin.

ELLIS - On November 15th, to Emma and Alan, twins, a son Archie Edward George and a daughter Rachael Sophie Louise.

EWART KENNEDY - On October 27th, to Victoria and Sean, a son, Patrick.

FIREMAN - On November 16th, to Helen and Gaby, a daughter, Fredericka Sarah.

FOGDEN - On November 6th, to Claire (née Oerton) and David, a daughter, Grace Amelia, a sister for Lily.

FOSTER - On November 16th 1991, to Felicity (née Vaillant) and James, a son, Simon James Holland, a brother for Charles.

GASCOYNE - On November 15th at St Bernard's Hospital Gibraltar, to Ruth Elizabeth (née May) and Michael, a daughter, Sophia May.

GATEHOUSE - On November 11th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Fenella (née Buchanan) and Simon, a son, Alfie Lewis, a brother for Benedict, and with love forever for Florence.

GLENTWORTH - On November 16th in London to Emily (née Thomas) and Edmund, a first born son, Felix.

HALL - On November 15th, to Claire (née Bagnall-Oakeley) and Rob, a son, a brother for Emily and Ben.

HARPER - On November 16th, at Guy's Hospital, to Rosie and John, a son.

NELMES - On November 14th, to Fiona (née Naider) and John, a daughter, Flora Mary.

NICHOLL - On November 15th, at The Matilda Hospital, The Peak, Hong Kong, to Jo (née Tillie) and Rupert, a daughter, Robyn Hope.

PLINT - On November 14th, to Nicky (née Littlewort) and George, a daughter, Louisa, a sister for Annabel and Henrietta.

ROOPE - On November 12th, to Sara Jane (née Hart) and Richard, a daughter, Susanna Clare, a sister for Emma.

SMALLWOOD - On October 31st, to Judy (née Pennells) and Nick, a son, George Laurence.

SMITH - On Thursday November 14th 1991, to Katie (née Harris) and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Anna Louise, 7lbs 14oz.

TANDY - On October 19th, in Hong Kong, to Pippa and Simon, a daughter, Lara, a sister for Emma and Olivia.

WALTON - On November 14th to Carolyn (née Holmes) and James, in London, Arabella Charlotte Laura.

WHEELER-MALLOWS - On November 14th, to Sue (née Race) and Kim, a daughter, Lucinda Jane.

WILLIAMS - On November 10th, to Karen (née Maybury) and Nigel, a son, Dominic Alexander Blackstone, a brother for Charles and Nicholas.

YOUNG - On November 16th 1991, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Sybille (née Windels-Wehr) and James, a daughter, Annabel Charlotte.

MARRIAGES

MITCHELL:McLEOD - On November 16th 1991 in Edinburgh, Andrew Macbeth, son of Angus and Ann Mitchell, Edinburgh, to Maureen Elizabeth, daughter of Bill and Jenny Wilkie, Aberdour.

DEATHS

ATHERTON - On Sunday November 17th 1991, peacefully at Noble's Hospital, Ann Slacker, formerly of Santon, in the Isle of Man. Loving wife of the late Thomas Geoffrey Fenton, much loved daughter of Kathleen Caunce, adored mother of Richard and Susan Jane, dearest granny of William and Kit. Sadly missed by all her family. The funeral service takes place in Santon Parish Church at 2 pm on Wednesday November 20th, followed by interment in Santon Churchyard. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Santon Parish Church. All enquiries to K.K. Teare Funeral Directors, West Minister Terrace Lane, Douglas, Isle of Man, tel (0624) 675125.

BALDWIN - On November 16th, quietly in his sleep in hospital, Bernard Alan, beloved father of Bernard and David, grandfather of Anthony. Donations in lieu of flowers to Ward B5 Amenity Fund; Poole General Hospital.

BALL - On November 15th, suddenly, Sidney Shearer (Sammy), aged 82. Much loved husband of Dorothea, father of Graham and Calle, grandfather of Lucy and Nicola. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, Monday November 25th at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Osteopathic Trusts Ltd., 8-10 Boston Place, London NW1 6QH.

BAYLEY - On November 16th 1991, George Wyrill of WestElla, Hull, much loved husband of Denise and very dear to his family. Funeral private.

BECKETT - On November 15th, John Michael Beckett, at Lanzarote with Joan and all their family. Much loved. Family funeral. Service of Thanksgiving to be arranged.

BENNETT - On November 17th 1991, suddenly at his daughter's residence, William Bennett C.B.E., J.P., aged 81 years. R.I.P. of Middleton, beloved husband of the late Mary, loving dad of Val and son-in-law Tom, much loved grandpa of Vincent and Clare. Funeral Mass, St John Fisher Church, this day Thursday 12.30 pm, followed by committal, Middleton Crematorium. All flowers and enquiries to S Wellens and Son, Long Street, Middleton, tel: 061-643 2677.

BRATHERTON - On Friday November 15th 1991, peacefully at Arthur Rank House, Cambridge, Dr. David Georges Bratherton, aged 72 years, of Cambridge. Dearly loved and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Barton Road, Cambridge, on Friday November 22nd at 12 noon to be followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations will be gratefully accepted for Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund c/o Brian Warner Funeral Service, 4 Harshel Court, Hartington Grove, Cambridge.

BRERETON - On November 16th, at Rempstone Nursing Home, Loughborough, Margaret (Peggy), widow of Henry Lloyd Brereton, former Warden of Gordonstoun School. Private cremation. Donations in lieu of flowers to The Abbeyfield Society.

BURDER - On November 17th 1991, very peacefully at Crispins, Farnham, Elspeth Anne, widow of Edward, much loved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Founder in 1926 of Modern Textiles. Cremation at Aldershot at 2.30 pm on Wednesday November 27th, followed by burial of ashes at Wadhurst Parish Church at 2pm on Thursday November 28th. You will be equally welcome at either service (or both). Family flowers only; if desired, donations to King George's Fund for Sailors, 1 Chesham Street, SW1.

CARLYON - On November 15th, peacefully after a brief illness, Antony Jaspar Manners, aged 74, beloved husband of Shirley and loving father of Tamsin. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium at 2 pm on Friday November 22nd. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

LITTLE - see Burder.

PAYNE - On November 16th, at Chacombe, Oxon, Joan Augusta, formerly of Wallingford, aged 92.

COOKSON - On November 16th, at home in Wylam, Northumberland, Roland Antony, C.B.E., D.C.L., loved and loving husband of Anne and of the late Rosamond, dear father of Cynthia. Funeral private, a Thanksgiving Service will be held in early December, date to be announced. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Charlotte Straker Hospital Project Trust, c/o Dr. Graham Grant, 11-13 Front Street, Corbridge, Northumberland NE45 5AP.

COX - On November 15th 1991, Harold Cox, beloved husband of Joan and father of Antony, Stephen and Robert. Funeral at Slough Crematorium on Thursday November 21st at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations in lieu to Cancer Research.

CURRIE - On November 16th, peacefully at Santa Maria Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, John Edward Lorne Campbell, aged 90. Beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral private. Donations, if desired, to R.N.I.B.

DONEGALL - On May 16th 1991, Jean, Marchioness of Donegall (née Combe), aged 91 years, of Hyde Park Gate, SW7, sister of the late Major-General John Combe, C.B., D.S.O., 11th Hussars, and aunt of the late Peter Combe, of Scardroy, Strathconan, Ross-shire and the late Audrey Purcell; also of Maureen Robertson, Avril Curzon and Viscount Scarsdale.

EARLE - On November 17th 1991, at Suddon House Nursing Home, Marjorie Penelope Katherine. Dearly loved wife of the late Lt. Col. Charles Earle, D.S.O., O.B.E. and stepmother to Richard. Private cremation. No flowers, memorial service or mourning at her request. All enquiries to Harold F Miles Funeral Director, South Cadbury, tel: (0963) 40367.

EPSTEIN - On November 16th, in hospital after a long illness bravely borne, Jerry, much loved by family and friends. Funeral at 11 am on Tuesday November 19th at Edgwarebury Cemetery, Edgware. Donations, if wished, to Dr. David Lane, National Asthma Campaign, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

FORBES - On November 16th 1991, Hugh Crespin at Charing Cross Hospital. Adored and beloved husband of Veronica and cherished father of Laura and Alison. Details to be announced later.

GIBSON - On November 16th, peacefully at Ludshott Court, Headley, Hants., Violet, aged 88. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Gibson. Cremation, Guildford Crematorium, Friday November 22nd, 4.30pm. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Ludshott Manor Ltd., Bramshott, Liphook, Hants.

GILBEY - On November 15th 1991, at the Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, John Engels, after an illness fought with stoical courage and defiance. Dearest husband and friend of Janet (Jumbo), father of Simon and son of Vera (Babs) and the late Jack Gilbey. A Funeral private. A Thanksgiving Service for his life will be held at Holy Innocents Church, Gt Barton, Bury St Edmunds, on Saturday December 14th at 11 am. Donations, if desired, to John Gilbey Myeloma Research Fund c/o L. Fulcher, 80 Whiting St., Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

GROUNDES-PEACE - On November 18th, peacefully at home in Filkins, Dr. John Groundes-Peace, retired General Practitioner. Private interment at St Peter's, Broughton Poggs, 11 am, November 22nd. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Peter's, Filkins, 2.30pm, November 22nd. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Burford or Fairford Cottage Hospitals.

HAWES - On November 16th 1991, at home in Bushey Heath, Edward George, beloved husband of Kathleen, much loved father of Anthony and Peter, grandfather of Wendy, Sarah, David, Jenny and Charlotte. Funeral Service, 2.30 pm, Friday November 22nd at West Herts Crematorium.

MACDONALD SMITH - On November 16th, Ralph Macdonald Smith, father of Roger and Anthony. Thanksgiving Service at Edington, Wiltshire, at 12 noon on November 27th.

DEATHS

HAGGARD - On November 17th 1991 at Duncote Hall Nursing Home, Commander Hugh Alfred Vernon Haggard DSO, DSC Royal Navy, aged 83 years. Only son of the late Admiral Sir Vernon Haggard KCB CMG and Lady Haggard. The Funeral Service will take place at The Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor, Northampton, on Monday November 25th at 2pm. Flowers and enquiries to John White, Funeral Director, 188-190 Watling St East, Towcester, tel: 0327 359266. A Memorial Service will be held on a date to be announced.

HEMSLEY - On November 16th 1991, Dorothy Laura (Kiddo), aged 98. Funeral at Newton Blossomville Church, 2 pm, Thursday November 21st. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to St John's Home (Hospice) Moggerhanger, C/O Clarabut & Plumbe, 11 Kingsway, Bedford.

HENLEY - On November 13th 1991, peacefully, Robert Stephen, OBE DSC Cdr RN, dearly beloved husband of Noreen and loving father of Nigel, Tim, Basil and Joff and of his grandchildren. A private Service of Cremation will be held on November 22nd, and a Memorial Service will be held at St Peter's Church, West Liss, on Monday December 2nd at 12 o'clock. Please, no flowers but, if desired, donations to The Treloar Trust for the Physically Handicapped, Alton. Enquiries to Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd (0730 62711).

JAMIESON - On November 16th 1991, peacefully at the Melrose Nursing Home, Worthing, Isabel Gladys, M.A.(Cantab), née Judd, aged 90. Deeply loved wife and staunch comrade of Ian for 63 years and beloved mother of Elspeth. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Friday November 22nd at 1.20 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to the Council for World Mission, 11 Carteret Street, London, SW1H 9DL.

JERMAIN - On November 15th, at Hammersmith Hospital, after much illness faced with courage, Marian, beloved daughter of Jean and Denis, much loved sister, aunt and friend. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Church, Steep, near Petersfield, on Monday November 25th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations to the British Diabetic Association.

LEWIN - On November 15th, William Donald Lewin, Priest. Husband of Joan, father of Peter and Jane, grandfather of Hannah, James and Harry. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Hale, at 2.30 pm on Thursday November 21st. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Missions to Seamen, c/o John Shering, 15 Provost St, Fordingbridge tel: (0425) 653019. Service of Thanksgiving at Salisbury Cathedral to be announced at a later date.

LORRIMAN - On Friday November 15th, very peacefully in Tenterden, Kent, surrounded by her family, Phyllis, beloved wife of the late Francis Lorriman and dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass at St Andrew's, Tenterden, on November 21st.

MARKHAM - On November 17th, Margaret Shires, wife of Bill and mother of John and Bob, much loved by her family, relatives and many friends. Cremation, family only at Boston on November 22nd at 10 am, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Alford at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation to Cawthorpe & Sons, Ulceby, Alford, Lincolnshire.

MICHELSEN - On November 11th 1991, peacefully at The Chatterwood Nursing Home, Liss, Lily Sophie, in her 96th year, late of Wyndham Street, Brighton. Much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium on November 21st at 11 am. Flowers to Petersfield Funeral Services, 19 The Square, Petersfield.

MINISTER - On November 14th, peacefully in hospital, Cyril Nigel Lemoine Minister, aged 75 years. Dearly loved and loving father and grandfather. Cremation at Perth Crematorium on Wednesday November 20th at 3.15 pm. Donations, if desired, to The Officers' Association, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JY.

MITCHELL - On November 16th, peacefully at St Luke's Hospital for Clergy, Fitzroy Square, Joan Beatrice, for 56 years the beloved wife of Frank. Her family and many friends will sorely miss her. Funeral 2 pm Thursday, Speldhurst Parish Church. Simple flowers or donations to St Luke's or The Spastics Society.

MOORE - On November 16th, peacefully, John, of Brighton, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of Frieda, father of Anthony and Caroline and grandfather of Rose and Chloe. Late of Foreign Office. Funeral Service at Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, on Friday November 22nd at 1 pm. Flowers and enquiries to the Funeral Director Colin Bennett, 44 Warren Road, Woodingdean, Brighton 693994.

NICHOLSON - On November 16th, John Windsor, D.F.C., aged 78, very much loved by his wife Veronica and son Oliver, after a short illness borne with great spirit. No flowers please but donations, if wished, to Research into Ageing, 49 Queen Victoria Street, EC4N 4SA. Funeral Service at Chelsea Old Church 12 noon on Tuesday November 26th, followed by private cremation.

SACKVILLE - On November 16th 1991, after a short illness, Arlie, The Lady Sackville, loved mother of Marylou, grandmother of Sasha and Serena. Funeral Service on Thursday November 21st at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, SW1, 2.30 pm, for family and close friends only. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 937-0757.

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SMYTH - On November 17th 1991, peacefully at Bernards Gate Nursing Home, Chichester, Margaret Jane Smyth C.B.E., aged 94 years, formerly Matron of St Thomas' Hospital and past President of The Royal College of Nursing and Chairman of General Nursing Council. Funeral Service at St Paul and St Peter the Great, Chichester, at 2.15 pm Friday November 22nd. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Howard House, Vicarage Way, Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

TINKER - On November 10th at 2 pm, peacefully in Napier, New Zealand, Brigadier Edward (Ted) Hayden, in his 83rd year. He will be missed by his wife Joan, children Susan, Jenny, Bridget and Tim and all his grandchildren. Funeral took place on Thursday November 14th.

TURNER - On November 15th, peacefully at home, Priors, Maresfield, John Mandeville, aged 77. Much loved husband of Penny and father of Simon, Peter and Charlie. Thanksgiving Service at 12 noon on Thursday November 21st at Maresfield Church. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for the Children's Country Holiday Fund may be sent c/o Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, tel: (0825) 763241.

WALKER - On Friday November 15th 1991, at home after a brave fight, Josephine Susan, aged 43 years. Beloved only child of Josephine and James Walker. Service at St Michael At The Northgate, Oxford, on Thursday November 21st at 12.30. Nosegays, or donations if desired for the Sight Savers, c/o Reeves and Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE. tel: 242529.

WATERS - On November 17th 1991, Dr. Margaret Ronaldson (née Clark), in her 92nd year, at Amesbury Abbey. Widow of Patrick George Waters and devoted mother of John, grandmother to Patrick, Harry and George. Memorial Service at 12 noon on December 4th at St Leonard's Church, Bulford Village.

WINSKELL - On November 15th 1991, Ian Malcolm, aged 62 years, beloved husband of Kathleen and dearly loved father of Kim, Michael, Aimée, Robin and Kate. Funeral Mass at St Gregory's Parish Church, South Shields, on Wednesday November 20th at 10 am, followed by private interment. Family flowers only please.

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Brian Mills
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Joint Administrative Receivers

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel 108 Baker Street, London W1 on 11 December 1991 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA not later than 12.00 hrs on 10 December 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf
A P Supperstone
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTER OF TRANWOOD PLC
TRANWOOD EARL AND COMPANY LIMITED
TRANWOOD CAPITAL LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Companies will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young 11th Floor, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road London SE1 7EU on 5th December 1991 at 10.00am for the purposes provided for in Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the Meeting.

For the purposes of voting a statement of claim must be lodged with us not later than 6.00 pm on the business day before the Meeting. Any proxy intended to be used should be lodged with us prior to the Meeting. Statements and proxies should be lodged with Ernst & Young, Becket House 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.
15th November 1991
W M Roberts and N J Hamilton
Joint Administrative Receivers

In the matter of L.S. Lite Science Consultants Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation) and in the matter of The Insolvency Act 1986, notice is hereby given that David Croxford of First Island House, Peter Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 30th October 1991.

Creditors are required on or before 15th December, 1991 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
Dated this thirteenth day of November, 1991
David Croxford
Liquidator

MARINA GROUP LIMITED
TRACK RECORD LTD
ZARB & CO. LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that MEETINGS of the CREDITORS of the above named Companies will be held on 2nd December 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 2.30, 3.30 and 4.00 pm respectively, for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require
DATED this 11th day of November 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D. COCKS, DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6 12 4(1)
In the matter of
ANTHONY NOSSELL
Slough County Court
No. 216 of 1991
Notice is hereby given that G C A Morphitis of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Trustee of the above named on 29 October 1991.
G C A MORPHITIS
TRUSTEE

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6 12 4(1)
In the matter of
JOHN ROWLAND SMEDLEY
High Court of Justice
No 2465 of 1990
Notice is hereby given that G C A Morphitis of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Trustee of the above named on 5 April 1991.
G C A MORPHITIS
TRUSTEE

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4 182 (A)
Forerite Limited
In Members' Voluntary Liquidation
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Mr M Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the company on 15 November 1991

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4 182(A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the Liquidator at the above address by 5 December 1991. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4 182A(4) that he intends to make a distribution to creditors who have submitted claims by 5 December 1991 otherwise a distribution will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given
Dated 14 November 1991
M Cohen,
Liquidator
Note
This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be paid in full

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LINEMANN LOVERIDGE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 10.00 am at Ernst & Young, Southgate House, Wood Street, Cardiff CF1 1EW on Thursday 28 November 1991 for the purposes mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected at Ernst & Young, Southgate House, aforesaid between the hours of 10.00 and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 26 November and Wednesday 27 November 1991.

For the purposes of voting a statement of claim and any proxy intended to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the secretary of the Company, c/o Ernst & Young, Southgate House aforesaid not later than 12 noon on Wednesday 27 November 1991.
Dated this 8th November 1991
Martyn Ronald Hale,
DIRECTOR.

The Insolvency Act 1986
M & M LITHO LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terence John Roper F I P A, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 28th October 1991.
Dated this 15th day of November 1991
T.J. Roper, Liquidator.

The Networking Centre Limited
-In Administrative Receivership-
Registered Number: 1939272
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1 on 13 December 1991 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 12 December 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf
A P SUPPERSTONE
Joint Administrative Receiver

ON THIS DAY

NOV 19 1927

Here is Shaw, as so often, with tongue in cheek. Few cinemas would be open if "sex appeal" was neglected. It can be argued that it is found in Pygmalion, Major Barbara *and* Caesar and Cleopatra *— as shown on the screen.*

MR. G. B. SHAW AND THE CINEMA

Mr. G.B. Shaw spoke on films at a private exhibition at the London Pavilion yesterday afternoon of six of the new *Secrets of Nature* productions, natural history films made by British Institutional Films, Limited. In the course of his speech, he advocated the need for more "interest" films in the programmes at the picture theatres and delivered a spirited attack on the British film exhibitor.

Mr. Shaw said that, personally, he was very fond of the "movies". In fact, he was a "movie fan", but he had to admit that the programmes very often were not to his liking. The whole business of entertaining the public in this way was in the hands of the gentlemen who were called exhibitors. It was their duty to select the films — except when they were selected for them by someone else. (Laughter.) Men who discharged such a function ought to be men of business, men of the world, and men of sense. Unfortunately, they were nothing of the kind.

The pictures were a peculiar thing. They seemed to attract a particular kind of man, not a business man, not a man of the world, but a man of the other world, who was an incurably romantic person. So romantic were they indeed that they believed that the public was entirely occupied either with wild adventure or with something that was described as "sex appeal". They must have "sex appeal", and yet it was his experience that the whole history of the "movies" showed that "sex appeal" was a thing that could be neglected almost altogether. If they would take the two most popular of all film "stars", Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford, they would find that in their films there was hardly any "sex appeal" at all. Miss Pickford was actually more popular with women than with men, and that disposed of the idea that the attraction of her films depended on "sex appeal".

What was important was, not one isolated picture, but the whole programme. He himself went to the cinema mostly, he admitted, to listen to the music, which was often excellent, but also to see the programme, and, if he was bored with the programme as a whole, he did not go again for a week or a fortnight. If he was interested, he might go again next day. Not to be bored, the audience must be given variety, and what variety did they now get from adventure and "sex appeal"? There was the *Gazette*, the film newspaper, which was very often very dull indeed, but nevertheless, very popular. The attraction there was not only that of the news. Part of the attraction was seeing something that really did happen as a relief from the wonderful films about things that never had happened, never did happen, and never would happen. One wanted to keep one's feet on solid ground.

It would not do to call natural history films "educational" or "instructional". That would be deadly and would at once choke off, not only the exhibitors, but the whole world. Nothing would induce him to see an educational film, but he did want to see an interesting film. It was obvious that exhibitors could not give programmes consisting exclusively of films like these, but he did think it would be good if they stopped having too much of the other kind of thing. Except in the case where one big film comprised the whole programme, the ordinary entertainment would prove more attractive if there were something in it that appealed to the strong love of nature that existed in the Englishman. It took all sorts of people to make a world, but exhibitors imagined that the whole public were exactly as romantic as they were. They had to remember that films of interest would form a good contrast to their sentimental productions. For all those reasons, he called on the film exhibitor to repent.

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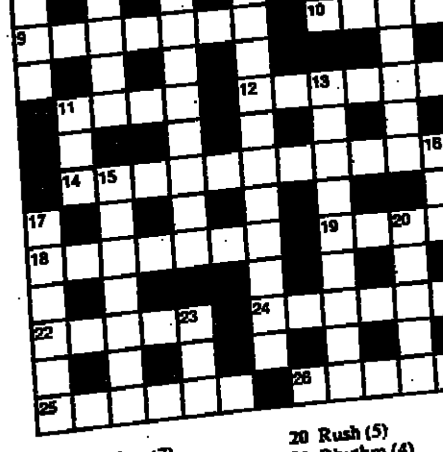

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 18: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, attended a Reception to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Building Centre Trust at the Building Centre this evening.

Captain George Rocke was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, 14th/20th King's Hussars, attended the Annual Officers' Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly, London and was received by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major General Sir Michael Palmer).

Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 18: The Princess of Wales opened the Sangam Association of Asian Women's new community centre at 210 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex.

Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales received the President of the Republic of Hungary (His Excellency Mr Arpad Göncz) and Mrs Zuzsanna Göncz at Kensington Palace.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present this evening at the "Touch of Tartan" Ball held at the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, in aid of the Society.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Provost of the City of Aberdeen (Mr Robert Robertson).

Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.

November 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, visited the British Aerospace *Charity Challenge* Exhibition at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, 195 Piccadilly, W1, this afternoon and accepted a cheque on behalf of The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 18: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Three Choirs Vineyards Limited, Welsh Lane, Newent, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Sir Martin Gibbs).

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a business luncheon hosted by the Gloucestershire Chamber of Commerce at the Queen's Hotel, Cheltenham and visited Corin Medical Limited, Chesterton Lane, Cirencester.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

**Lieutenant Commander T.J. Boulton, RN
and Miss R.E. Manjaji**
The engagement is announced between Tim Boulton, of HMS Ark Royal, and Rosnah, eldest daughter of Datuk Shariff Manjaji and Datin Manjaji, of Kota Kniabalu, Malaysia.

**Mr A.M. Coates
and Miss S.G.B. Clist**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. A. Coates, of Bolton, Lancashire, and Samantha, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.B. Clist, of Great Witley, Worcestershire.

**Mr W.D. Ellis
and Miss C.E.M. Wood**
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs H.C. Ellis, of Ockham, Surrey, and Carolin, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.M. Wood, of East Horsley, Surrey.

**Mr J.J. Evans
and Miss R.J. Iley**
Mr and Mrs D. Iley, of Surbiton, London, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Rosalind Julia, to Jonathan Jeffreys, son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Evans, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

**Dr J.A. Hancock
and Miss T.B. Lohr**
The engagement is announced between Julian Andrew, son of the late Mr E.C. Hancock and of Mrs P. Hancock, of Rye, East Sussex, and Trina Bernice, daughter of Mr and Mrs Owen Lohr, of Victoria, British Columbia.

**Mr O.C. Hemsley
and Miss D.S.M. Warr**
The engagement is announced between Oliver, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. N. Hemsley, of Langham, Rutland, and Deborah, middle daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Warr, of Eaton, Leicestershire.

**Mr P. Hodges
and Miss A.L. Rockley**
The marriage will take place on Friday, November 22, in Sydney, Australia, between Philip Hodges and Anna Rockley, younger daughter of Mrs P. Aikens, of London, W11, and the late Dr Anthony Rockley.

**Mr N.D.A. Lewisohn
and Froken E. Thyghoj**
The engagement is announced between Nicolas, younger son of His Honour and Mrs Anthony Lewisohn, of Brackenhurst, Fairoak Lane, Oxshott, Surrey, and Eva, elder daughter of Fru Anne-Grethe Thyghoj, of Jutland, Denmark.

**Mr S. Merrett
and Ms E.A. Campling**
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.A. Merrett, of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W. Campling, of Allestree, Derby.

**Mr P.R.T. Sandford
and Miss A.R. Tindall**
The engagement is announced between Philip, youngest son of Major E.R. Sandford, MBE, DL, JP, and the late Mrs P.H. Sandford, of Strangford, Co Down, and Anna, elder daughter of Lieutenant Colonel D.M.K. Tindall and Mrs E.B. Smiley, of Ballynahinch, Co Down.

**Mr G.J. Simpson
and Miss H.F. James**
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Simpson, of Wokingham, Berkshire, and Helen, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey James, of Upminster, Essex.

**Pilot Officer A.E. Stewart
and Miss D.J. Rose**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.D.E. Stewart, of Brixham, Devon, and Deborah, daughter of Mrs Vivienne Rose, of Smarden, Kent, and Mr John Rose, of North Carolina.

**Mr M.J.W. Waind
and Miss A.J. Durdy**
The engagement is announced between Mark Jonathan Wilkinson, son of Mr and Mrs John Waind, of Doncaster, South Yorkshire, and Amanda Jane, daughter of Mrs Angela Durdy and the late Mr Michael Durdy, of Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

**Mr R.J.G. Wheeler
and Miss J.A. Griffiths**
Dr and Mrs John Griffiths, of Penylan House, Pencoed, Glamorgan, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Julia Ann, to Richard, son of Mr and Mrs John Wheeler, of Sly Corner, Lee Common, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Marriage

**Mr C.S.J. Atterton
and Miss R.M. Hall**
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 16, at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, London, of Mr Charles Atterton, elder son of Dr and Mrs David Atterton, of Wells, Somerset, to Miss Rhona Hall, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Logan Hall, of Abingdon, Oxon. The Rev Canon Raymond Wilkinson, QHC, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Hilary Bassett, Alexander Wyndham and Jessica Good. Mr Edward Atterton, younger brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at the hall of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Threadneedle Street. The honeymoon is being spent in Brazil.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Hungary and Mrs Göncz. The other guests were:

Dr and Mrs Geza Jeszenszky, the Hungarian Ambassador and Mrs Antalpéter, Dr Elemer Bisterszky, Mr Karoly Szunyogh, Dr Istvan Major, Mr Tamas Varga, Mr Laszlo Varkonyi, Mr Andras Farago, Mr Bela Szombati.

Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, and Mrs Howard, Mr Clive Landa and Mrs Lynda Chalker, MP, the Hon Alan Clark, MP, Mr and Mrs Miklos Nemeth, Earl and Countess Jellicoe, the Bishop of Rochester and Mrs Turnbull, Lord and Lady Stevens of Ludgate, Mr Neil Kinnock, MP, Sir David Steel, MP, Mr Terence Higgins, MP, and Professor R Higgins, Sir Georg and Lady Solti, Sir Frederick Catherwood, MEP and Lady Catherwood, Sir David and Lady Orr, Sir Alistair and Lady Frame, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, and Lady Finsberg, Sir William and Lady Golding, Sir Michael and Lady Angus, Mr George Robertson, MP, Mr Nigel Forman, MP, Mr Robert Adley, MP, and Mrs Adley, Mr and Mrs John Tusa, Mr and Mrs Ian Brindle, Mr and Mrs Ousama Rawi, Mr and Mrs V.K. Sharma, Mr Robin Bloomfield, Sir David Gillmore, Mr and Mrs John Birch and Mr and Mrs Stephen Wall.

Royal Philharmonic Society
The Royal Philharmonic Society gave a luncheon yesterday at the Garrick Club to mark the election of Sir Thomas Armstrong to honorary membership of the society. Among those present were:

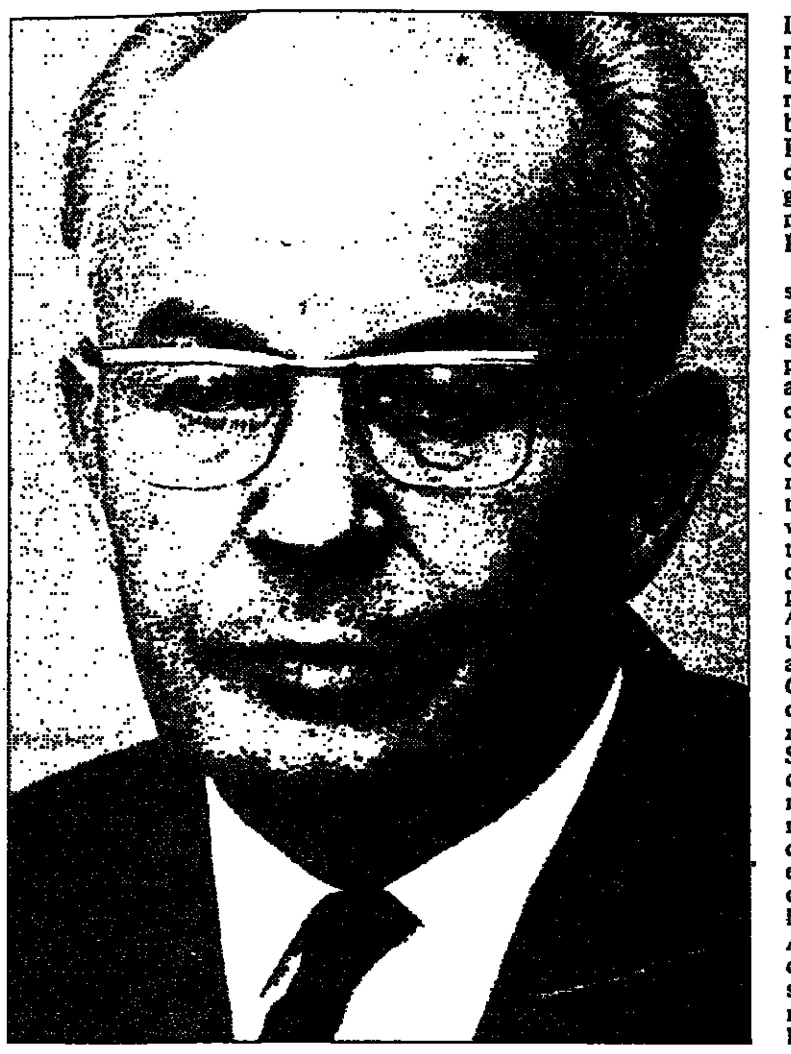
Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, Miss Helen Armstrong, Sir Ian Hunter, Mr Bernard Brook-Partridge, Mr John Denison, Mr Richard Fisher, Mrs Rosemary Heller, Mr Barrie Iliffe, Mrs Patricia Sharland, Mr Eric Thompson and Mr Martin Williams.

St Peter's Research Trust for the cure of kidney disease
At a luncheon held yesterday at the Royal College of Physicians, the President, Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, was the speaker and received the guests together with Mr W. P. Bowman, Chairman of St Peter's Research Trust. Among those present were:

Viscount and Viscountess Norwich, Lord Sherfield, Mr K T C Arnold, Lady Bidwell, Mr J Bidwell, Mrs W P Bowman, Mr B Collingridge, Mr G A Croughton, Mr P G Duffy, FRCS, Mr M Fone, Miss M Fulton, Mr C Gibbons, Mr and Mrs H Hanley, Dr S J Harland, Mr T Hemmings, Mr R Henderson, QC, Mr C Ingleby-MacKenzie, Mr R Jessell, Dr M J Kellett, Mr D Lindsay-Rae, Dr M A Mansell, Prudence, Lady Morrison-Bell, Mr E P N O'Donoghue, FRCS, Mr and Mrs M Park, Dr Caroline Parks, Mr A Piper, Mr J P Pryor, FRCS, Mr P G Ransley, FRCS, Mr and Mrs L Richenberg, Mr C J Rudge, FRCS, Mr and Mrs G Seligman, Mr P J R Shaw, FRCS, Mr and Mrs John Speller, Mr N Stanley, Mr D Starke, Miss D Stroud, Dr T Stuttaford, Mr W R Stuttaford, the Rev G Taylor, Mr R Thornton, Mr G Watson, FRCS, Miss Eileen West, Mr and Mrs G Whalley, Mr D Whitehouse, Mr C R J Woodhouse, FRCS, Mr P H L Worth, FRCS, Mrs P. Wolfinden.

OBITUARIES

GUSTÁV HUSÁK



Gustáv Husák, first, and subsequently general, secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, 1969-1987, and President of the Republic of Czechoslovakia, 1975-89, died yesterday in hospital in Bratislava aged 78. He was born at Dúbravka near Bratislava on January 10, 1913.

IN HIS twenty-year stewardship of Czechoslovakia Gustáv Husák presided over his country's spiritual abasement and brought it to the brink of economic ruin. He came to power in the wake of the brutal crushing of the "Prague Spring" by the Soviet Union and he thereafter remained the obedient creature of the Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev. After 1969 he orchestrated vengeance against all those who had been associated with the bright hopes of 1968 and in particular against Alexander Dubček, their source.

But even these, perhaps expected, reprisals were as nothing to the mental and moral misery he heaped upon the Czechoslovak people. Prague, one of the loveliest capital cities of Europe, with its gleaming facades and majestic palaces, came in its increasing drabness to symbolise the intellectual debasement of an oppressed people. After 1969 it was visibly a city in thrall to a conquering and ethically alien power and Czechoslovakia more firmly than at any time since 1948, a dependable province of the Russian empire. The Czechoslovak spirit was quenched or driven underground. All thought of political progress was suspended. Economic activity also atrophied by degrees. All this was in marked contrast with the developments which, in their very different ways, were taking place in other Soviet satellites, such as Poland and Hungary.

That the rage and shame of the Czechoslovak people did not express itself more violently against the person of Husák, when it became clear that his days were numbered after the liberalisation of the Soviet Union, is to their credit. In the event Husák was allowed to quit the scene with dignity intact, though mourned by none. Already replaced as general secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party in 1987, in 1989 he was forced to resign by mass protests, and on December 10 he quitted the seat of government in the Hradcany palace while a crowd of 300,000 braved wind and snow to hail a victory for democracy in Wenceslas Square.

Gustáv Husák was the son of a Slovak worker. In 1933 he began to study law at Bratislava University and at the same time joined the Communist Party. For a time he worked as an articled clerk in the office of Vladimir Clementis, but after the break-up of Czechoslovakia in 1939 and the establishment of the so-called Slovak Autonomous Republic, when Clementis was forced to flee to France and Britain, Husák was able to remain in Bratislava and open his own lawyer's office there. Later he became secretary of the Association of Slovak Forwarding Agents, which, as he afterwards claimed, enabled him to maintain connections with resistance points all over the country. Although arrested several times for illegal activities, he was detained only for very short periods, a circumstance which his enemies in the party were later to attribute to *his good connections with the* Quisling regime of Tiso.

Husák's great chance came when those Slovak communist leaders who had not escaped abroad were rounded up and imprisoned for the duration of the war. A Czech, Smidke, was sent from Moscow in 1943 to take charge of the Communist Party in Slovakia, and he appointed Husák and Novomesky to join him in forming the fifth illegal central committee of the party, of which Husák became vice-chairman. Husák's role was resented by the other communist leaders, who were condemned to inactivity in prison. It was even alleged that he had deliberately sabotaged attempts to free them.

A visit by Eduard Beneš, the exiled Czechoslovak president, to Moscow led to the signing of the so-called "Christmas agreement" of 1943, under which the communist and non-communist resistance leaders came together to form the Slovak National Council in preparation for a Slovak rising. Husák was later attacked for his collaboration with the Slovak Democrats during the rising and charged with "bourgeois nationalism". But in fact his true view was that Slovakia should become a Soviet republic and indeed he had sent a report to Moscow, claiming that this was what the Slovak workers really wanted. The collapse of the Slovak rising, which was due to a number of causes, including the postponed advance of the Soviet army, put paid to these hopes and Husák had to accept that Slovakia's future would continue to lie within the framework of the Czechoslovak Republic.

Nonetheless, when Slovakia was eventually "liberated" by the Soviet army in 1944, Husák was in a strong position, as the most active Slovak communist there. In discussions on the future structure of Czechoslovakia he became a leading spokesman for the views of the Slovak "home front" and spent some months in Moscow working on the Kosice programme. Determined to strengthen Slovakia's position within the republic, he eventually came into conflict with Siroky and those Slovak communist leaders who had posts in the *government in Prague and were* equally determined that he should not succeed.

Thanks to Soviet support Smidke was made chairman of the Slovak National Council and Husák himself one of the deputy chairmen and commissioner for the interior. But in the first state elections of 1946 the Slovak communists gained only 30 per cent of the poll as against the 62 per cent won by the Slovak Democrats. As a result the communists had to cede the chairmanship, but Husák remained a vice-chairman and concentrated his efforts on undermining and eventually destroying the Slovak Democratic Party.

He was probably responsible for fabricating the alleged "fascist" plot which enabled him to discredit its leaders and edge himself into the position of chairman of the Board of Commissioners — the equivalent of Slovak prime minister. Having achieved this, he made further government impossible by resigning and taking the other communist commissioners out with him. However, his attempts to secure a majority on the board were frustrated until February 1948, when, in the crisis preceding the *coup d'état*, he used the resignation of the Slovak Democrat ministers in Prague as an excuse to force the resignation of all their counterparts in Bratislava. The re-formed board was now communist dominated. Husák wielded supreme power in Bratislava and had become, as well, a member of the presidium of the Czechoslovak Communist Party in Prague.

Up to this point Husák had proved himself a shrewd and ruthless operator, but his many enemies in the Slovak Communist Party were already plotting his downfall. In May 1950, after having been subjected to severe party criticism, he was relieved of his post as chairman and at the immediately ensuing party congress stripped of all his high party functions on the charge of "bourgeois nationalism" and "anti-state activity". The following year he was arrested and, at his trial four years later, sentenced to life imprisonment. The sentence was passed when Siroky, his rival in Prague, was prime minister of Czechoslovakia.

After six years' imprisonment he was amnestied in 1960 but not officially rehabilitated until three years later. Up to this time he had spent three years as a building worker and was later allowed to work at the Institute of State Law in the Slovak Academy of Sciences, writing his "Testimony on the Slovak National Rising" and eventually obtaining a doctorate in law.

It was only after Antonin Novotny's replacement as Czechoslovak leader by Dubček that he was able to resume his political activity and begin his rapid climb back to power. In April 1968 he was appointed deputy prime minister and in August succeeded Bil'ak as first secretary of the Slovak Communist Party.

At first he appeared to stand shoulder to shoulder with Dubček and the reformers, but there were soon indications that he had other plans and was putting his own ambitions and Slovak nationalist considerations before the interests of the reform of the state. He opposed general reformist movements in Slovakia, refused to sanction the reappearance of the liberal weekly *Cultural Life* and questioned the validity for the Slovaks of the clandestine 14th congress of the party, held during the invasion on August 20 and later to be annulled under the Czechoslovak-Soviet agreement of August 26. In a Christmas Day broadcast in 1968 he demanded that the chairman of the new federal assembly should be a Slovak, thus blackballing the candidature of the popular Czech reformer Smrkovsky. All these were moves in a power struggle aimed at discrediting Dubček and the reformers, removing him and them from office and seizing supreme power himself. He achieved his purpose in April 1969, when Dubček stepped down from the post of the first secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and Husák succeeded him.

Once having established Husák in supreme power the Russians found in him the ideal *gubernator* of their Czechoslovak province. He proved himself a far more servile vassal of Brezhnev than Hacha had been of Hitler. Between 1969 and 1977 he was reported to have visited Brezhnev 26 times (more than three times more often than any other bloc leader), and his frequent meetings with the Soviet ambassador in Prague were prominently reported in the press in contrast to the more discreet handling of them by Novotny.

Husák's policy was "normalisation", a euphemistic term for a vindictive purge of party and government, the devastation of Czech literary life, *Gleichschaltung* of education, persecution of religion, the eradication of any form of dissent and the obsequious endorsement of Soviet policy in a fashion characteristic of Stalinist times. Although at the outset he disclaimed all intention of conducting political trials, he soon broke his word, meting out six-and-a-half years imprisonment to the couragous reformer Milan Hubl, who had done more than anyone else to help rehabilitate him when he was in disgrace. He followed this up with severe sentences to signatories of Charter 77, the manifesto demanding human rights in Czechoslovakia.

His treatment of his Slovak colleague, Dubček, had been little short of scandalous. In 1974 the former leader wrote a letter to the Federal Assembly complaining of the harassment he was being continually subjected to on top of the other humiliations.

In domestic affairs Husák had a fairly easy run. He at least created a semblance of making the economy work and meeting the material needs of the population to the extent *of not provoking them to open* revolt. Unlike Novotny he never allowed production to grind to a halt although state indebtedness greatly increased. His *bête noir* must have been the emergence of Charter 77 and its signatories.

Their exposure of the countless illegalities of his regime and his unrelenting attitude to them, culminating in their imprisonment, set an indelible black mark on his name and compromised him in the eyes of the world. His government cannot be said to have enjoyed good relations with any of the Western powers and, as president and general secretary, he himself spent most of his time receiving visits from Soviet officials, representatives of the bloc or minor leaders from the Third World.

Compared with other leaders of the bloc he appeared a colourless personality. His statements at international communist conferences were *mostly mere* echoes of Soviet pronouncements and were seldom publicised outside his own country. Although he brought the Czechs and Slovaks a limited degree of material well-being, he failed to provide the economic reforms which the Hungarians achieved, the sense of independence of Romania even under the oppressive regime of Ceausescu, and the intellectual and religious freedom towards which the Poles were struggling from the 1970s onwards.

Popular Czechoslovak opinion of him was well summed up in the catchphrase *Husák-Rusak*. Under his grim-faced leadership morale in Czechoslovakia receded to its lowest ebb with increased alcoholism, more frequent suicides and an intensification of other symptoms of national despair. Corruption and bribery attained unprecedented proportions.

In 1975, when President Svoboda was unable to continue in his office, special legislation was introduced to enable Husák to succeed him. In doing so he combined the offices of general secretary and president — an accumulation of power which he had opposed in the case of Novotny. In 1980 at the age of 67 he was re-elected for a further five-year term.

The accession to power in the Soviet Union of Mikhail Gorbachev sent a frisson through Czechoslovakia as it did through other conservative Soviet satellites. Mr Gorbachev's increasingly outspoken criticism of Husák's patron, Leonid Brezhnev, opened a rift between Moscow and Prague which grew wider as time went on. When the two men met it was clear that they were radically different types of communist, Husák of the "old guard" whose beliefs had been kept alight by the struggle against Nazism, Gorbachev, the reforming communist of a rising generation. In the political currents which began to flow around him Husák became increasingly isolated. Eventually, in December 1987, he stood down as general secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, to be succeeded by Milós Jakes.

It was the beginning of the end for Husák. With popular opposition towards him growing and focusing itself on the figure of the imprisoned playwright Václav Havel, his position, as one of the last opponents of *perestroika*, became untenable. Released from prison early in 1989, Havel appeared on the political stage as the man with increasingly authoritative title to become his country's next president. On December 10, 1989, Czechoslovakia's first government without a communist majority since 1948 was sworn in by Husák who then resigned the presidency. Outside in Wenceslas Square the crowds roared: "Havel for president!".

After leaving office Husák played no further part in the politics of his country, and was expelled from the Czechoslovak Communist Party in February last year. He was permitted to live in seclusion, an increasingly sick man after undergoing surgery for stomach cancer. On November 8 he was given the last rights by a Roman Catholic priest and, at the request of his sister, a practising Catholic, was confessed by the Archbishop of Trnava.

His wife, Viera, died in 1977.

Birthdays today

Lady Davina Windsor is 14 years old today.

Mr John Bellak, chairman, Water Services Association, 61; Miss Kathleen Halpin, former chief administrator, Regions, WRVS, 88; Baroness Jeger, 76; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, 71; the Earl of Lindsay, 36; Mr David Lloyd-Jones, conductor, 57; Mr Gerald Parsons-Smith, neurologist, 80; Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter, 79; Dr R.C. Smith, director, Kingston Polytechnic, 56; the Ven Michael Till, Archdeacon of Canterbury, 56; Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, president, Royal College of Physicians, 67; Dame Ethel Wormald, former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, 90.

Appointments

Mr Goolam Meeran and **Ms Celia Wells** to be members of the Ethnic Minorities Advisory Committee of the Judicial Studies Board.

Mr David Hall to be Head of Overseas Trade, Projects and Export Policy, Department of Trade and Industry, from November 18. He succeeds Mr Christian Adams, who returns to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The following to be Chairmen of Regional Councils for Sport and Recreation:

Mr Geoffrey Dunn to succeed Mr Ken Ohlson as Chairman of the South East Council this month; **Mr Andrew Hancock** to succeed Mr Norman Sarsfield as Chairman in the East Midlands in December; **Mr David Oxley** to succeed Mr Ronnie Burnet as Chairman of Yorkshire and Humberside in January.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will give a luncheon for the President of Hungary and Mrs Göncz at Buckingham Palace at 1.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as International President of WWF - World Wide Fund for Nature, will attend a symposium and the inaugural award ceremony for the Prince Bernhard scholarships for nature conservation at the Festival Hall at 9.40; and will attend a dinner at St James's Palace at 8.00.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, will visit the Isles of Scilly, arriving at St Mary's at 10.30, to mark the centenary of the Isles of Scilly Council; will open the new National Farmers' Union headquarters in Exeter, at 3.15; and visit Exeter Cathedral at 4.30.

The Duchess of York will attend a luncheon for the Taxoplasmosis Trust at Ironmongers' Hall at 12.45.

The Princess Royal will open the Light Rail 91 conference and exhibition, Holiday Inn and GMEX, Manchester, at 10.10; as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will open the new bureau extension at Stoneyroyd, Whitworth, Rochdale, at 12.10; open the new Courthouse, Tenters Street, Bury, at 1.15; will visit Flexpack UK, Bridge Hall Mills, Bury, at 2.35; and open North Area College, Buckingham Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport, at 4.10.

Princess Margaret will attend the first night gala at the restored Richmond Theatre, Surrey, at 7.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Corps of Transport, will attend a luncheon given by the Colonels Commandant at Regent's Park Officers' Mess at 12.15 to mark her 90th birthday.

The Duke of Gloucester will present the Mars awards for environmental improvement at Shire Hall, Reading, at 11.25.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Christmas Fair of the Greater London Fund for the Blind at Kensington Town Hall at 2.30 to mark the fund's 70th anniversary.

Princess Alexandra will attend a performance of *Amadeus* by the Compass Theatre at the Alhambra, Bradford, at 6.30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles I, reigned 1625-49, Dunfermline, 1600; Bertel Thorwaldsen, sculptor, Copenhagen, 1770; James Garfield, 20th president of the USA 1881, Orange, Ohio, 1831; Indira Gandhi, prime minister of India 1966-77, 1980-84, Allahabad, 1917.

DEATHS: Nicholas Poussin, painter, Rome, 1665; Thomas Shadwell, dramatist, London 1692; Theobold Wolfe Tone, Irish patriot, committed suicide, Dublin, 1798; Franz Schubert, composer, Vienna, 1828; Sir William Siemens, metallurgist, London, 1883; Sir Basil Spence, architect, Eye, Suffolk, 1976.

President Lincoln delivered a speech at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, saying "...government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth", 1863.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Phillip N Tovey, Assistant Curate, Banbury Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Banbury Team Ministry (Oxford).
The Rev Shirley Vetters, Deacon (non-stipendiary), East Ham w Upton Park Team Ministry (Chelmsford): to be Bull Ring Chaplain, St Martin, Birmingham (Birmingham).
The Rev Allen Walker, Assistant Curate, St Philip, Cosham: to be Community Mental Health Chaplain, Portsmouth City (Portsmouth).
The Rev Canon Martin W Wallace, Vicar, Forest Gate, St Mark, and Priest-in-charge, Forest Gate, All Saints: to be *also* Diocesan ACUPA Link Officer (Chelmsford).
The Rev Nicholas P Wheeler, Assistant Curate, Wood Green Team Ministry: to be Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Edmonton (London).
The Rev Jeffrey Wilcox, Rector, St Leonard's, Streatham: to be *also* Rural Dean of Streatham (Southwark).
The Rev Frederick Wilcox, Vicar, Netherton, St Andrew: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral (Worcester).
The Rev Sydney H Wilcox, Rural Dean of Derwent, and Team Rector, Cockermouth, Embleton and Wythop: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral (Carlisle).
The Rev Paul Wilson, Priest-in-charge, Renhold, and part-time Chaplain to HM Prison, Bedford (St Albans): to be Vicar, Buckfastleigh w Dean Prior (Exeter).
The Rev Keith E Wood, Rural Dean of Windermere, and Rector, Grasmere: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral (Carlisle).
The Rev John Woolcock, Diocesan Officer for Social Responsibility, and Vicar, Staveley w Kentmere: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral (Carlisle).
The Rev Andrew Yorke, Vicar, St Matthew, Fort MacPherson, North West Territories, Canada (Arctic): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Totland Bay, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Colin Deedes, Master and Vicar, Winchester, St Cross Hospital w St Faith (Winchester): to retire as from September 14 1992.
The Rev Donald C L May, Vicar, Aldersbrook, St Gabriel (Chelmsford): to retire as from December 31.
The Rev Norman Smith, Vicar, Winchester, St Bartholomew, Hyde (Winchester): to retire as from April 30 1992.

Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield

November 19 is the 400th Anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter by Queen Elizabeth I in 1591.

Dinners

14th/20th King's Hussars
The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief of the 14th/20th King's Hussars, attended the annual officers' dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major-General Sir Michael Palmer, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter were hosts at a dinner held yesterday at City Hall. Among those present were:

Sir Peter and Lady Imbert, Sir Kirby and Lady Laing, Sir David and Lady Lumsden, Dame Sheilagh Roberts, Sir Godfrey and Lady Taylor, Sir John Wheeler, MP, and Lady Wheeler, Dr and Mrs Alan Borg, Rear-Admiral Anthony Cooke, Major-General and Mrs Robert Corbett, Mr and Mrs Bernard Harty, Miss Prue Leith, Mr Christopher Lucas, the Very Rev Michael and Mrs Mayne, and Mr John Porter.

British Atlantic Education Committee
General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the British Atlantic Education Committee held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Martyn Read presided.

Wolfe Society
General Sir Edward Burgess was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Wolfe Society held last night in Westerham to mark the anniversary of the birth of Major-General James Wolfe. Mr J.St.A. Warde, president, was in the chair.

Chatham Dining Club
Sir Bob Reid was the principal guest at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr K.M. Egleston presided.

Cardiff Business Club
The President of the Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, and the Hon Recorder of the City of Cardiff, His Honour Judge M. Gibbon, were present at a dinner held by the Club at The Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The Guest Speaker was Sir Robin Day, and Mr John Bowen, Morgan Bruce Solicitors, presided.

Reception

Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council
The Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council held a reception at Christie's Auction Rooms, St James's, SW1, on Wednesday, November 13 (by courtesy of Lord Carrington, CH). The guests were received by Lord and Lady Cullen of Ashbourne, Mr Ian Taylor, MP, chairman, and Mrs Edward de la Motte, deputy president. The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, also representing the Foreign Secretary and President of the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council, was accompanied by the Countess of Caithness. The guests included:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Ministers and Members of both Houses of Parliament and the Hon Charles Allsopp and Mr Anthony Browne, Directors of Christie's.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wolstenholme was christened Edwina Lavender, at St Martin's, Thompson, Norfolk, by the Rev John Cooke, on Sunday, November 17, 1991. The godparents are Mr Stephen Riley, Mr Dominic Grieve, Miss Georgina Lankester and Mrs James Birkett.

Sow justice, and reap loyalty. Break up your fallow ground; it is time to seek the Lord, till he comes and rains justice on you.
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BIRTHS

AIREY - On November 5th, to Janet (née Bazley) and Ian, a son, Thomas Frank Charles, a brother for Charlotte.

BARR-SIM - On November 16th, to *Katie* (née Taylor) and Andrew, a son, Edward Hugh Blair.

BARTON - On November 14th, to Nigel and Kate (née Bicket), a son, Tom, a brother for Lily and Ned.

CARTER - On *November 18th* 1991, to Elizabeth (née Gray) and Jonathan, a son, Charles David Ramsay.

CECIL - On November 15th, to Katie (née Whalley) and *Anthony, a daughter, Emily* Sarah.

COLTHURST - On November 14th, to Nora (née Kelleher) and Charles, a daughter, Isabel Janet Denys.

CUMMINGS-BUTTERFIELD - On November 9th in Cambridge, to Ardis and Brian, a son, Thomas Felix Martin.

ELLIS - On November 15th, to Emma and Alan, twins, a son Archie Edward George and a daughter Rachael Sophie Louise.

EWART KENNEDY - On *October 27th, to Victoria* and Sean, a son, Patrick.

FIREMAN - On November 16th, to Helen and Gaby, a daughter, Fredericka Sarah.

FOGDEN - On November 6th, to Claire (née Oarton) and David, a daughter, Grace Amelia, a sister for Lily.

FOSTER - On November 16th 1991, to Felicity (née *Vaillant) and James, a son,* Simon James Holland, a brother for Charles.

GASCOYNE - On November 15th at St Bernard's Hospital Gibraltar, to Ruth Elizabeth (née May) and Michael, a daughter, Sophia May.

GATEHOUSE - On November 11th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Fenella (née Buchanan) *and Simon, a son,* Alfie Lewis, a brother for Benedict, and with love forever for Florence.

GLENTWORTH - On November 16th in London to Emily (née Thomas) and Edmund, a first born son, Felix.

HALL - On November 18th, to Claire (née Bagnall-Oakeley) *and Rob, a son, a brother for* Emily and Ben.

HARPER - On November 16th, at Guy's Hospital, to Rosie and John, a son.

HELMES - On November 14th, to Fiona (née Naider) and John, a daughter, Flora Mary.

NICHOLL - On November 15th, at The Matilda *Hospital, The Peak, Hong* Kong, to Jo (née Tillie) and Rupert, a daughter, Robyn Hope.

PLINT - On November 14th, *to Nicky (née Littlewort) and* George, a daughter, Louisa, a sister for Annabel and Henrietta.

ROOPE - On November 12th, to Sara Jane (née Hart) and Richard, a daughter, Susanna Clare, a sister for Emma.

SMALLWOOD - On October 31st, to Judy (née Pennells) and Nick, a son, George Laurence.

SMITH - On Thursday November 14th 1991, to Katie (née Harris) and *Michael, a beautiful daughter*, Anna Louise, 7lbs 14oz.

TANDY - On October 19th, in Hong Kong, to Pippa and Simon, a daughter, Lara, a sister for Emma and Olivia.

WALTON - On November 14th to Carolyn (née Holmes) and James, in London, Arabella Charlotte Laura.

WHEELER-MALLOWS - On November 14th, to Sue (née Race) and Kim, a daughter, Lucinda Jane.

WILLIAMS - On November 10th, to Karen (née *Maybury) and Nigel, a son,* Alexander Dominic Blackstone, a brother for Charles and Nicholas.

YOUNG - On November 16th 1991, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Sybille (née Windels-Wehr) and James, a daughter, Annabel Charlotte.

MARRIAGES

MITCHELL:McLEOD - On November 16th 1991 in Edinburgh, Andrew Macbeth, son of Angus and Ann Mitchell, Edinburgh, to Maureen Elizabeth, daughter of Bill and Jenny Wilkie, Aberdour.

DEATHS

ATHERTON - On Sunday November 17th 1991, peacefully at Noble's Hospital, Ann Blacker, formerly of Santon, in the Isle of Man. Loving wife of the late Thomas Geoffrey Fenton, much loved daughter of Kathleen Caunce, adored mother of Richard and Susan Jane, dearest granny of William and Kit. Sadly missed by all her *family*. The funeral service takes place in Santon Parish Church at 2 pm on Wednesday November 20th, followed by interment in Santon Churchyard. Family *flowers only please*. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Santon Parish Church. All enquiries to K.K. Teare Funeral Directors, West Minister Terrace Lane, *Douglas, Isle of Man, tel:* (0624) 675123.

BALDWIN - On November 16th, quietly in his sleep in hospital, Bernard Alan, beloved father of Bernard and David, grandfather of Anthony. Donations in lieu of flowers to Ward B5 Amenity Fund, Poole General Hospital.

BALL - On *November* 16th, suddenly, Sidney Shearer (Sammy), aged 82. Much loved husband of Dorothea, father of Graham and Callie, grandfather of Lucy and *Nicola. Funeral at* Putney Vale Crematorium, Monday November 25th at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Osteopathic Trusts Ltd., 8-10 Boston Place, *London NW1 6QH*.

BAYLEY - On November 16th 1991, George Wyrill of WestElla, Hull, much loved husband of Denise and very dear to his family. Funeral private.

BECKETT - On November 15th, John Michael Beckett, at Lanzarote with Joan and all their family. Much loved. Family funeral. Service of Thanksgiving to be arranged.

BENNETT - On November 17th 1991, suddenly at his daughter's residence, *William Bennett* C.B.E., J.P., aged 81 years, R.I.P. of Middleton, beloved husband of the late Mary, loving dad of Val and son-in-law Tom, much loved grandpa of *Vincent and Clare*. Funeral Mass, St John Fisher Church, this day Thursday 12.30 pm, followed by committal, Middleton Crematorium. All flowers and enquiries to S Wellens and Son, Long Street, Middleton, tel: 061-643 2677.

BRATHERTON - On Friday November 15th 1991, peacefully at *Arthur Rank* House, Cambridge, Dr. David Georges Bratherton, aged 72 years, of Cambridge. Dearly loved and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Barton Road, Cambridge, on Friday November 22nd at 12 noon to be followed by a private *cremation. Family flowers* only please, donations will be gratefully accepted for Cancer Relief MacMillian Fund c/o Brian Warner Funeral Service, 4 Harshel Court, Hartington Grove, Cambridge.

BRERETON - On November 16th, at Rempstone Nursing Home, Loughborough, Margaret (Peggy), widow of Henry Lloyd Brereton, former Warden of Gordonstoun School. Private cremation. Donations in lieu of flowers to The Abbeyfield Society.

BURDER - On November 17th 1991, very peacefully at Crispins, Farnham, Elspeth Anne, widow of Edward, much loved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Founder in 1926 of Modern Textiles. Cremation at Aldershot at 2.30 pm on Wednesday November 27th, *followed by burial of ashes* at Wadhurst Parish Church at 2pm on Thursday November 28th. You will be equally welcome at either service (or both). Family flowers only: if desired, donations to King George's Fund for Sailors, 1 Chesham Street, SW1.

CARLYON - On November 15th, peacefully after a brief *illness, Antony Jaspar* Manners, aged 74, beloved husband of Shirley and loving father of Tamsin. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium at 2 pm on Friday November 22nd. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

LITTLE - see Burder.

PAYNE - On November 16th, at Chacombe, Oxon, Joan Augusta, formerly of Wallingford, aged 92.

COOKSON - On November 16th, *at home in Wylam,* Northumberland, Roland Antony, C.B.E., D.C.L., loved and loving husband of Anne and of the late Rosamond, dear father of *Cynthia. Funeral private*, a Thanksgiving Service will be held in early December, date to be announced. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Charlotte Straker Hospital *Project Trust, c/o Dr.* Graham Grant, 11-13 Front Street, Corbridge, Northumberland NE45 5AP.

COX - On November 15th 1991, Harold Cox, beloved *husband of Joan and father* of Antony, Stephen and Robert. Funeral at Slough Crematorium on Thursday November 21st at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations in lieu *to Cancer Research*.

CURRIE - On November 16th, peacefully at Santa Maria Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, John Edward Lorne Campbell, aged 90. Beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral private. Donations, if desired, to R.N.I.B.

DONEGALL - On May 16th 1991, Jean, *Marchioness of* Donegall (née Combe), aged 91 years, of Hyde Park Gate, SW7, sister of the late Major-General John Combe, C.B., D.S.O., 11th Hussars, and *aunt of the late Peter Combe,* of Scardroy, Strathconan, Ross-shire and the late Audrey Purcell; also of Maureen Robertson, Avril Curzon and Viscount Scarsdale.

EARLE - On November 17th 1991, at Suddon House Nursing Home, Marjorie Fenella Katherine. Dearly loved wife of the late Lt. Col. Charles Earle, D.S.O., O.B.E. and stepmother to Richard. Private cremation. No flowers, memorial service or mourning at her request. All enquiries to Harold F Miles Funeral Director, South Cadbury, tel: (0963) 40367.

EPSTEIN - On November 16th, in hospital after a long illness bravely borne, Jerry, *much loved by family and friends*. Funeral at 11 am on Tuesday November 19th at Edgwarebury Cemetery, Edgware. Donations, if wished, to Dr. David Lane, National Asthma Campaign, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

FORBES - On November 16th 1991, Hugh Crespin at *Charring Cross Hospital*. Adored and beloved husband of Veronica and cherished father of Laura and Alison. Details to be announced later.

GIBSON - On November 16th, peacefully at Ludshott Court, Headley, Hants., Violet, aged 88. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Gibson. Cremation, Guildford Crematorium, Friday November 22nd, 4.30pm. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Ludshott Manor Ltd., Bramshott, Liphook, Hants.

GILBEY - On November 15th 1991, at the Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, John Engels, after an illness fought with stoical courage and defiance. Dearest husband and friend of Janet (Jumbo), father of Simon and son of Vera (Babs) and the late Jack Gilbey. Funeral private. A *Thanksgiving Service for his* life will be held at Holy Innocents Church, Gt Barton, Bury St Edmunds, on Saturday December 14th at 11 am. Donations, if desired, to John Gilbey Myeloma Research Fund c/o L. Fulcher, 80 Whiting St., Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

GROUNDES-PEACE - On *November 18th, peacefully* at home in Filkins, Dr. John Groundes-Peace, retired General Practitioner. Private interment at St Peter's, Broughton Poggs, 11 am, November 22nd. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Peter's, Filkins, 2.30pm, November 22nd. Donations in lieu of flowers *to the Burford or Fairford* Cottage Hospitals.

HAWES - On November 16th 1991, at home in Bushey Heath, Edward George, beloved husband of Kathleen, much loved father of Anthony and Peter, grandfather of Wendy, Sarah, David, Jenny and Charlotte. Funeral Service, 2.30 pm, Friday November 22nd at West Herts Crematorium.

MACDONALD SMITH - On November 16th, Ralph Macdonald Smith, father of Roger and Anthony. Thanksgiving Service at Edington, Wiltshire, at 12 noon on November 27th.

HAGGARD - On November 17th 1991 at *Duncote Hall* Nursing Home, Commander Hugh Alfred Vernon Haggard DSO DSC Royal Navy, aged 83 years. Only son of the late Admiral Sir Vernon Haggard KCB CMG and Lady Haggard. The Funeral Service will take place at The Counties Crematorium, Milton Malsor, Northampton, on Monday November *26th* at 2pm. Flowers and enquiries to John White, Funeral Director, 188-190 Watling St East, Towcester, tel: 0327 359266. A Memorial Service *will be held on a date to be* announced.

HEMSLEY - On November 16th 1991, Dorothy Laura (Kiddo), aged 96. Funeral at Newton Blossomville Church, 2 pm, Thursday November 21st. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to St John's Home (Hospice) Moggerhanger, C/O Clarabut & Plumbe, 11 Kingsway, Bedford.

HENLEY - On November 13th 1991, peacefully, Robert Stephen, OBE DSC Cdr RN, dearly beloved husband of Noreen and loving father of Nigel, Tim, Basil and Joff and of his grandchildren. A private Service of Cremation will be held on November 22nd, and a Memorial Service will be held at St Peter's Church, West Liss, on Monday December 2nd at 12 o'clock. Please, no flowers but, if desired, donations to The Treloar Trust for the Physically Handicapped, Alton. Enquiries to Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd (0730 62711).

JAMIESON - On November 16th 1991, peacefully at the Melrose Nursing Home, Worthing, Isabel Gladys, M.A.(Cantab), née Judd, aged 90. *Deeply loved wife* and staunch comrade of Ian for 63 years and beloved mother of Elspeth. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Friday November 22nd at 1.20 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to the Council for World Mission, 11 Carteret Street, London, SW1H 9DL.

JERMAIN - *On November* 15th, at Hammersmith Hospital, after much illness faced with courage, Marian, beloved daughter of Jean and Denis, much loved sister, aunt and friend. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Church, Steep, near Petersfield, on Monday November 25th at 2.30 *pm. No flowers please* but donations to the British Diabetic Association.

LEWIN - On November 15th, William Donald Lewin, Priest. *Husband of* Joan, father of Peter and Jane, grandfather of Hannah, James and Harry. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Hale, at 2.30 pm on Thursday November 21st. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Missions to Seamen, c/o John Shering, 15 Provost St, Fordingbridge *tel: (0425) 653019. Service* of Thanksgiving at Salisbury Cathedral to be announced at a later date.

LORRIMAN - On Friday November *15th*, very peacefully in Tenterden, Kent, surrounded by her family, Phyllis, beloved wife of the late Francis Lorriman and dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass at St Andrew's, Tenterden, on November 21st.

MARKHAM - On November 17th, Margaret Shires, wife of Bill and mother of John and Bob, much loved by her family, relatives and many friends. Cremation, family *only at Boston on November* 22nd at 10 am, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Alford at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation to Cawthorpe & Sons, Ulceby, Alford, Lincolnshire.

MICHELSEN - On November 11th 1991, peacefully at The Chatterwood Nursing Home, Liss, Lily Sophie, in her 96th year, late of Wyndham Street, Brighton. Much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium on November 21st at 11 am. Flowers to Petersfield Funeral Services, 19 The Square, Petersfield.

MINISTER - On November 14th, peacefully in hospital, Cyril Nigel Lemoine Minister, aged 75 years. Dearly loved and loving father and *grandfather*. Cremation at Perth Crematorium on Wednesday November 20th at 3.15 pm. Donations, if desired, to *The* Officers' Association, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JY.

MITCHELL - On November 16th, peacefully at St Luke's Hospital for Clergy, Fitzroy Square, Joan Beatrice, for 55 years the beloved wife of Frank. Her family and many friends will sorely miss her. Funeral 2 pm Thursday, Speldhurst Parish Church. *Simple flowers or donations* to St Luke's or The Spastics Society.

MOORE - On November 16th, peacefully, John, of Brighton, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of Frieda, father of Anthony and Caroline and grandfather of Ross and Chloe. Late of Foreign Office. Funeral Service at *Woodvale Crematorium*, Brighton, on Friday November 22nd at 1 pm. Flowers and enquiries to the Funeral Director Colin Bennett, 44 Warren Road, Woodingdean, Brighton 693994.

NICHOLSON - On November 16th, John Windsor, D.F.C., aged 78, very much loved by his wife Veronica and son *Oliver, after a short illness* borne with great spirit. No flowers please but donations, if wished, to Research into Ageing, 49 Queen Victoria Street, EC4N 4SA. *Funeral* Service at Chelsea Old Church 12 noon on Tuesday November 26th, followed by private cremation.

SACKVILLE - On November *16th* 1991, *after* a short illness, Arlie, The Lady Sackville, loved mother of Marylou, grandmother of Sasha and Serena. Funeral Service on Thursday *November 21st at St Peter's* Church, Eaton Square, SW1, 2.30 pm, for family and close friends only. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 937-0757.

SMITH - On November 15th 1991, peacefully at home in Saffron Walden and late of Potton, Beds., Emilie Gladys Lind (Queenie), shortly after her 103rd birthday. Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium on Monday November 25th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. The interment of ashes will take place at Potton, Beds. at a date to be announced later.

SMYTH - On November 17th 1991, peacefully at Bernards Gate Nursing Home, Chichester, Margaret Jane Smyth C.B.E., aged 94 years, formerly Matron of St Thomas' Hospital and past President of The Royal College of Nursing and Chairman of General Nursing Council. Funeral Service at St Paul and St Peter the Great, Chichester, at 2.15 pm Friday November 22nd. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Howard House, Vicarage Way, Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

TINKER - On November 10th at 2 pm, peacefully in Napier, New Zealand, Brigadier Edward (Ted) Hayden, in his 83rd year. He will be missed *by his wife Joan, children* Susan, Jenny, Bridget and Tim and all his grandchildren. Funeral took place on Thursday November 14th.

TURNER - On November 15th, peacefully at home, Priors, Maresfield, John Mandeville, aged 77. Much loved husband of Penny and father of Simon, Peter and Charlie. Thanksgiving Service at 12 noon on Thursday November 21st at Maresfield Church. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for the Children's Country Holiday Fund may be sent c/o Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield, tel: (0825) 763241.

WALKER - On Friday November 15th 1991, at *home after a brave fight*, Josephine Susan, aged 43 years. Beloved only child of Josephine and James Walker. Service at St Michael At The Northgate, *Oxford, on Thursday* November 21st at 12.30. Nosegays, or donations if desired for the Sight Savers, c/o Reeves and Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4TE, tel: *242529*.

WATERS - On November 17th 1991, Dr. Margaret Ronaldson (née Clark), in her 92nd year, at Amesbury *Abbey, Widow of Patrick* George Waters and devoted mother of John, grandmother to Patrick, Harry and George. Memorial Service at 12 noon on December 4th at *St Leonard's* Church, Bulford Village.

WINSKELL - On November 15th 1991, Ian Malcolm, aged 62 years, beloved husband of Kathleen and dearly loved father of Kim, Michael, Aimée, Robin and Kate. Funeral Mass at St Gregory's Parish Church, South Shields, on *Wednesday November 20th* at 10 am, followed by private interment. Family flowers only please.

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BULL formerly CARPENTER nee WELCH, EVA ELIZABETH BULL formerly CARPENTER nee WELCH Widow late of 26 Farm Lane, Fulham, London SW6 died There on 19th August 1989
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COONEY, JAMES PATRICK COONEY late of Betsham Lodge, Kimberley Road, Croydon, Surrey died There on 27th August 1991
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GARNER nee DAVIES, NANCY ELIZABETH GARNER nee DAVIES Widow late of 22 West End, Bugbrooke, Northampton died at Daventry, Northamptonshire on 7th May 1991
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GRIFFIN, FREDERICK GRIFFIN late of 8 Lilac Close, Hampton, Evesham, Worcester died at Evesham on 19th April 1988
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HOLMAN, FREDERICK WILLIAM HOLMAN late of Edwin Arrowsmith House, 8 Payton Road, Birmingham died at Birmingham on 12th October 1990
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HOLT, CHARLES FRANCIS HOLT late of Reade House, Queens Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk died There on 14th July 1990
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LEE, HARRY JOSEPH LEE late of Forest Hospital, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire died There on 24th August 1990
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LISTER nee SUTCLIFFE, ADA LISTER nee SUTCLIFFE Widow late of 16 Aynchm Close, Grassington, North Yorkshire died at Skipton, North Yorkshire on 5th January 1991.
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MADGWICK, FREDERICK HAROLD MADGWICK otherwise FREDERICK MADGWICK late of Flat One, 100 Pavilion Road, Worthing, West Sussex died at Worthing on 31st March 1990.
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The husband and kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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Dated this 14th day
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Brian Mills
and Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers

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Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 10 December 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of *The Insolvency Rules* 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

A P Supperstone
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTER OF TRANWOOD PLC
TRANWOOD EARL AND COMPANY LIMITED
TRANWOOD CAPITAL LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Companies will be held at the offices of Ernst & Young, 11th Floor, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU on 5th December 1991 at 10.00am for the purposes provided for in Sections 48 and 49 of the said Act. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the Meeting.

For the purposes of voting a statement of claim must be lodged with us not later than 5.00 pm on the business day before the Meeting. Any proxy intended to be used should be lodged with us prior to the Meeting. Statements and proxies should be lodged with Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.

15th November 1991
W M Roberts and N J Hamilton
Joint Administrative Receivers

In the matter of L.S. Life Science Consultants Limited (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation) and in the matter of The Insolvency Act 1986, notice is hereby given that David Croxford of First Island House, Peter Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 30th October 1991.

Creditors are required on or before 15th December, 1991 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded *from the benefit* of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this thirteenth day
of November, 1991
David Croxford
Liquidator

MARINA GROUP LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that MEETINGS of the CREDITORS of the above named Companies will be held on 2nd December 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 2.30, 3.30 and 4.00 pm respectively, for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 11th day
of November 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D. COCKS, DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6.12 4(1)
In the matter of
JOHN ROWLAND SMEDLEY
High Court of Justice
No. 2468 of 1990

Notice is hereby given that G C A Morphitis of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Trustee of the above named on 8 April 1991.

G C A MORPHITIS
TRUSTEE

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6.124(1)
In the matter of
ANTHONY RUSSELL
Slough County Court
No. 216 of 1991

Notice is hereby given that G C A Morphitis of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Trustee of the above named on 29 October 1991.

G C A MORPHITIS
TRUSTEE

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.182 (A)
Forcefire Limited
In Members' Voluntary Liquidation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that L Mr M Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the company on 13 November 1991.

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182(A) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the Liquidator at the above address by 5 December 1991. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182(A)(6) that he intends to make a distribution to creditors who have submitted claims by 5 December 1991 otherwise a distribution will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 14 November 1991
M Cohen,
Liquidator.

Note
This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LINEMANN LOVERIDGE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 10.00 am at Ernst & Young, Southgate House, Wood Street, Cardiff CF1 1EW on Thursday 28 November 1991 for the purposes mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected at Ernst & Young, Southgate House, aforesaid between the hours of 10.00 and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 26 November and Wednesday 27 November 1991.

For the purposes of voting a statement of claim and any proxy intended to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the secretary of the Company, c/o Ernst & Young, Southgate House aforesaid not later than 12 noon on Wednesday 27 November 1991.

Dated this 8th November 1991
Martyn Ronald Hale,
DIRECTOR.

The Insolvency Act 1986
M & M LITHO LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terence John Roper F.I.P.A. of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 28th October 1991.

Dated this 15th day
of November 1991
T.J. Roper, Liquidator.

The Networking Centre Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 1939272
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1 on 13 December 1991 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, *London W1M 1DA, not later than* 12.00 hrs on 12 December 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

A P SUPPERSTONE
Joint Administrative Receiver

NOV 19 ON THIS DAY 1927

Here is Shaw, as so often, with tongue in cheek. Few cinemas would be open if "sex appeal" was neglected. It can be argued that it is found in Pygmalion, *Major Barbara and* Caesar and Cleopatra *— as shown on the screen.*

MR. G. B. SHAW AND THE CINEMA

Mr. G.B. Shaw spoke on films at a private exhibition at the London Pavilion yesterday afternoon of six of the new *Secrets of Nature* productions, natural history films made by British Institutional Films, Limited. In the course of his speech, he advocated the need for more "interest" films in the programmes at the picture theatres and delivered a spirited attack on the British film exhibitor.

Mr. Shaw said that, personally, he was very fond of the "movies". In fact, he was a "movie fan", but he had to admit that the programmes very often were not to his liking. The whole business of entertaining the public in this way was in the hands of the gentlemen who were called exhibitors. It was their duty to select the films — except when they were selected for them by someone else. (Laughter.) Men who discharged *such a function ought to be men of* business, men of the world, and men of sense. Unfortunately, they were nothing of the kind.

The pictures were a peculiar thing. They seemed to attract a particular kind of man, not a business man, not a man of the world, but a man of the other world, who was an incurably romantic person. So romantic were they indeed that they believed that the public was entirely occupied either with wild adventure or with something that was described as "sex appeal". They must have "sex appeal"; and yet it was his experience that the whole history of the "movies" showed that "sex appeal" was a thing that could be neglected almost altogether. If they would take the two most popular of all film "stars", Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford, they would find that in their films there was hardly any "sex appeal" at all. Miss Pickford was actually more popular with women than with men, and that disposed of the idea that the attraction of her films depended on "sex appeal".

What was important was, not one isolated picture, but the whole programme. He himself went to the cinema mostly, he admitted, to listen to the music, which was often excellent, but also to see the programme, and, if he was bored with the programme as a whole, he did not go again for a week or a fortnight. If he was interested, he might go again next day. Not to be bored, the audience must be given variety, and what variety did they now get from adventure and "sex appeal"? There was the *Gazette*, the film newspaper, which was very often very dull indeed, but nevertheless, very popular. The attraction there was not only that of the news. Part of the attraction was seeing something that really did happen as a relief from the wonderful films about things that never had happened, never did happen, and never would happen. One wanted to keep one's feet on solid ground.

It would not do to call natural history films "educational" or "instructional". That would be deadly and would at once choke off, not only the exhibitors, but the whole world. Nothing would induce him to see an educational film, but he did want to see an interesting film. It was obvious that exhibitors could not give programmes consisting exclusively of films like these, but he did think it would be good *if they stopped* having too much of the other kind of thing. Except in the case where one big film comprised the whole programme, the ordinary entertainment would prove more attractive if there were something in it that appealed to the strong love of nature that existed in the Englishman. It took all sorts of people to make a world, but exhibitors imagined that the whole public were, exactly as romantic as they were. They had to remember that films of interest would form a good contrast to their sentimental productions. For all those reasons, he called on the film-exhibitor to repent.

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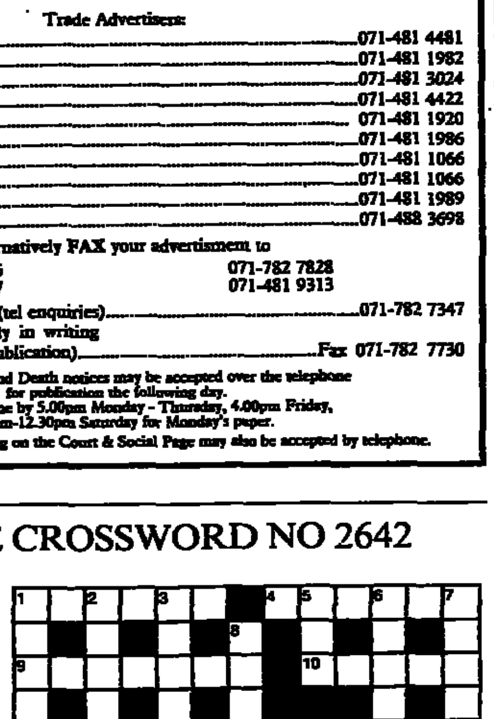

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NEW RELEASES

CITY OF HOPE (15): John Sayles's dark, multilayered tale of conflicts simmering in a New Jersey town. Flawed, but crackling with electricity. Starring Vincent Spano, Joe Morton.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

DEKALOG PARTS 9 AND 10 (12): The last two from Kieslowski's masterly "Ten Commandments" cycle: a bitter tale about an impotent husband, and a wry comedy about family greed.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY (15):** *Wall Street greed (Danny DeVito) versus* human decency (Gregory Peck). Muted comic variations on a familiar theme. Director, Norman Jewison.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

SHAKING THE TREE (15): Tedious slog through the personal problems of four Chicago chums. With Arye Gross, Gale Hansen, director, Duane Clark.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

TOTO THE HERO (15): Jaunty, absurdist comedy about youth, old age and life's disappointments from talented new Belgian director Jaco van Dormael. With Michel Bouquet, Thomas Godet.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

◆ **WHAT ABOUT BOB? (PG):** Phobia-mad Bill Murray drives psychiatrist Richard Dreyfuss close to the edge. Sweet, crazy comedy from Frank Oz.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on *release across the country.*

Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **BOYZ N THE HOOD (15):** Black urban drama from hot-shot director John Singleton, piled high with homilies, but atmospheric. With Larry Fishburne, rap artist Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE COMMITMENTS (15):** Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ **EDWARD II (18):** Riveting reworking of Marlowe's play by Derek Jarman: words and images leap out at the audience. Steven Waddington and Andrew Tiernan as star-crossed royal lovers; Tilda Swinton as the exasperated Queen.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **THE FISHER KING (15):** Jeff Bridges and Robin Williams as two lost souls from the myths of time up against modern adversity. Wayward, overblown Terry Gilliam film with droll moments.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520)

◆ **FLIRTING (12):** Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to *The Year My Voice Broke* from director John Duigan.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

THE FOUR FEATHERS (U): Cowardly army officer redeems himself in the Sudan. Korda's glorious 1939 version of A.E.W. Mason's classic imperial novel. Starring John Clements, Ralph Richardson, June Duprez.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Minema (071-235 4225).

MORTAL THOUGHTS (15): Brutal hubby gets his throat slashed, wife and best friend have blood on their hands, and the police on their tail. Stylish, brooding drama, with Demi Moore, *Glenne Headly, Bruce Willis.* Director, Alan Rudolph.
Odeon West End (0426 915574).

◆ **RAMBLING ROSE (15):** Innocent sexpot turns all heads in 1935 Georgia. Episodic, benign, hugely entertaining, memorable performances from Laura Dern, Robert Duvall. Director, Martha Coolidge.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

URANUS (15): Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Aymé's caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gérard Depardieu dominates a fine cast; director, Claude Berri.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

☐ **AT OUR TABLE:** Odd Daniel Mornin play that quaintly declines to name its subject, killing Jews in Nazi Germany.
Cottesloe (National), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. Final performance

■ **BECKET:** Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouilh's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archbishop.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins

▨ **DEATH AND THE MAIDEN:** Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Chilean political drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE DRAGONS' TRILOGY:** Robert Lepage's breathtaking spectacular: French-Canadian girls travel the breadth of history in three instalments named *after the dragons of Mah Jong.*
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354) Part 1, Tues, Thurs, 7.30pm, Part 2, Wed, Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, Sun: complete cycle, 4pm. Final week

☐ **GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY:** Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits, flimsy plot but no matter.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins

☐ *THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK:* Good things in this vast, elaborate spectacular but the story line is a needle in a haystack.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **IT'S RALPH:** Timothy West, Jack Shepherd, Connie Booth in Hugh Whitemore piece about betrayed ideals. A play that splits the critics.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 5.30pm and 8.30pm, mat Tues, 3pm. 135mins

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
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■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins

☐ **KVETCH:** Steven Berkoff's trip into the East-End Jewish psyche: vivid but thinnish. Co-stars Anita Dobson.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. 140mins

▨ **PARTY TIME:** Dorothy Tutin and Barry Foster head a starry cast in new but short Pinter: tyrants drink while their opponents die. Not vintage but still with the power to chill. Preceded by *Mountain Language.*
Almeida, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 90mins.

☐ **THE REVENGERS' COMEDIES.** Alan Ayckbourn's impressively ambitious, two-part comedy centred on the meeting of an incongruous pair (Griff Rhys Jones and Lia Williams). Less fun than one might hope, but worth the time.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-240 0300) Part 1, Mon, Thurs, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Part 2, Tues, Wed, Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm. 150mins each

▨ **THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN:** Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Conti argues the case for bigamy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins

☐ **A SWELL PARTY:** Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's debonair wit and winning melodies.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins

■ **TARTUFFE:** Paul Eddington dithers, John Sessions cons, Felicity Kendal is bold in a nearly successful Molière.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 120mins.

☐ *TOVARICH:* Natalia Makarova and Robert Powell as Tsarist exiles working as servants in Thirties Paris. When funny, very funny; but slow elsewhere.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson find comedy but lose the depth and pathos in Beckett's play.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 135mins

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins

■ **WIND IN THE WILLOWS:** Return of last winter's hit version by Alan Bennett: witty and wonderful.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 205mins

LONG RUNNERS: ■ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ▨ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) ▨ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ▨ Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ▨ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ▨ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443). ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) ▨ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) ▨ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

RACING DEMON: After its extensive run at the National, David Hare's award-winning Church-of-England drama directed by Richard Eyre receives a countrywide tour. Benjamin Whitrow leads a new cast, with Reece Dinsdale, Tenniel Evans and Steven Beard as the four clergymen struggling with the government over matters of doctrine and practice. After performing in Canterbury this week, the production moves to Bath's Theatre Royal.
Marlowe Theatre, The Friars, Canterbury (0227 767246), 7.30pm

OPERA 80: For its autumn season the company revives Stephen Metcalf's ingeniously simple staging of Mozart's *Magic Flute*, successfully premiered last year (conductor: Charles Peebles), performed in repertoire with its new production of Britten's opera *Albert Herring* (conductor: Ivor Bolton).
Opera House, Water Street, Buxton (0298 72190), 7.30pm

IDOMENEO: Welsh National Opera's triumphant contribution to the Mozart bicentenary is a powerfully alive production of Mozart's opera, *Idomeneo*, staged by Howard Davies. A remarkable alignment of talent brings together conductor Sir Charles Mackerras, Dennis O'Neill in the leading role, and supporting cast John Mark Ainsley, Rebecca Evans and Suzanne Murphy. The production will play in repertory with *Die Fledermaus* and *Rigoletto* during the company's stay in Bristol this week.
Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, Bristol (0272 299444), 7pm.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The Royal Ballet's sister company visits Liverpool this week performing Peter

TODAY'S EVENTS

Wright and Galina Samsova's highly acclaimed production of Swan Lake. Tonight Miyako Yoshida takes the role of Odette, Odile and Petter Jacobsen dances Prince Siegfried.
Empire, Lime Street, Liverpool (051-709 1555), 7.30pm

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Nancy Duncan's inaugural season as artistic director features three London premieres, all of them, by American choreographers. Nina Wiener's award-winning *Wind Devil*, *Freedom of Information* by the late Arnie Zane; and *Flee As A Bird* by LCDT's previous artistic director Dan Wagoner. *The company will be at Sadler's Wells* until November 30.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916). 7.30pm.

THE PHILANDERER: Brian Cox directs Clive Owen, Eleanor David and Barry Morse in Shaw's early play, restoring the original ending suppressed (by the author) for being too provocative. Opening night.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9224), 7pm

THE CABINET MINISTER: A new production of Pinero's 1890 comedy with Maureen Lipman playing a society hostess on the make and Derek Nimmo her sorely-tried consort. Braham Murray directs. Previews begin tonight and the play opens on Thursday.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-867 1115), 7.45pm.

HUE AND CRY: Self-consciously soulful Scottish brothers Pat and Gregory Kane deserve commercial success if only for determination, having made, released and promoted a succession of melodic and often romantic records, without quite becoming "household names".
Town & Country Club, Kentish Town Road, London NW5 *(071-284 0303)*, 7.30pm.

CONCENTUS MUSICUS VIENNA: Nikolaus Harnoncourt, thought by some to be one of today's most stimulating conductors, directs his period-instrument ensemble in Mozart's Symphony No 23 and Haydn's Symphony No 60 (*Il distratto*), with soprano Eva Mei singing Mozart and Haydn arias in between.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London (071-928 8800), 7.45pm

PIERRE BONNARD: While Vuillard is installed in Glasgow, his great friend and colleague Bonnard has a small but spectacular showing in London. Comprising a few paintings, but particularly strong on drawings, the exhibition demonstrates that this colourist could express himself brilliantly with a little basic black.
JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davies Street, W1 (071-493 2630). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, until December 6.

AN ITALIAN IN JAPAN: The painter/engraver Edoardo Chiossone lived in Japan from 1875 to 1898 as adviser to the Royal Mint. He collected a staggering 15,000 prints, scrolls and paintings: these 200 finest are an eye-opener.
Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, London SW7 (071-225 3474) Tues-Sat, 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, 2-5.30pm, until November 24

Electric charge with flames

THEATRE

Damned for Despair
Gate, Notting Hill

THIS is the first production by Stephen Daldry that we have seen since he became the Royal Court's director-designate; and, if it does not tell us a vast amount about his feeling for new drama, it says much for his eclectic imagination and ability to make the most of meagre resources. After all, how many of his contemporaries would choose to present our sceptical city with a theological thriller in the first place, let alone one written by a 17th-century Spanish monk and demanding a cast of 30? How many would proceed to stage it in a theatre barely larger than the bus-shelter in Sloane Square?

Well, all right, Tirso de Molina is not quite a stranger to us. Indeed, this is as near to a golden year for his drama as there is likely to be in London. The very night Daldry's company opened his *Damned for Despair*, the Royal Shakespeare Company was closing his *Last Days of Don Juan.* But at the Pit the actors were fewer, the stage was larger, and the play itself had a built-in *frisson*, since it was the work which first gave the world its most celebrated lover. This piece is odder, less obviously marketable but, as it turns out, more interesting and dramatically gripping.

MARILYN KINGWILL

Health warning: Timothy Walker as Paulo and Simon Gregor as the Devil

Paulo is a holy hermit rather more eager to be reassured that he is heading for salvation than holy hermits should be. Down comes an angelic-seeming Satan, his feathery wings and pants more noticeable than the tusks in his forehead, to exploit what Tirso sees as the sin of mistrust. The apparent answer to Paulo's question is that his posthumous destination will be the same as a certain Enrico. Picture his dismay, then, when this gentleman turns out to be a bloodthirsty thug who he finds skewering the governor of Naples, not to mention scores of its citizens.

The effect this discovery has on the hermit doubtless seems stranger to us now than it would have done to Tirso's Spanish contemporaries. He decides that, since both Enrico's and his fate must be damnation, he might as well have a good time murdering lots of people himself. But he has forgotten the gospel story of the repentant thief. Enrico, the professional villain, makes a last-gasp plea for mercy and is saved, while the would-be saint succumbs to the most cataclysmic of sins, despair. Timothy Walker, a glittering, fanatical Paulo, ends up in a miasma of white smoke and red light, giving a piggy-back to Simon Gregor's cackling Lucifer.

The acting is all-electric stuff and, when Lorcan Cranitch's superb Enrico is on stage, positively perilous. To touch this high-voltage skinhead, radiating rage from a few feet away, would be to risk evaporation. But then Daldry's production as a whole has an intensity which commands belief in what might well have left us shrugging. A tall red drum circles the stage, revealing dark-panelled innards; and, yes, it is a mountain, a street, a cliff, a prison. The panels open, letting us glimpse faces behind; and there is an angry crowd, a hanging or, conversely, a corner of Heaven. "I'm protected by this thick, dark forest," says Paulo, touching a side-door marked "Fire Exit Only"; and he, too, is telling nothing less than the truth.

Above all, Daldry's skills transform what might have been an exotic period melodrama into a plausible if paradoxical play of ideas. The Royal Court is clearly in for a salutary shake-up.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

120 Days of Sodom
BAC, Battersea

NICK Hedges's play dramatises the notorious work by the Marquis de Sade, in so far as dramatisation is permissible today. Battersea not being a bath-house attached to Caligula's palace and the deadly deeds having to be described in words and patches of mime. Even so, by the time the play had reached the third of the four storytellers I was keen to murmur, "Yes, OK, strong stuff, grim imagination, and now can I go home, please?"

If memory serves, this was about the point I gave up reading the original. Into 120 days can be fitted a lot of orgies, gorging, gouging, defecation and death; and the meticulously patterned humiliation that de Sade's libertines inflict upon their victims steadily extend a mood that is at once giddying and desolate. Since this is one of his intentions — another being a ferocious attack on the *ancien regime* — the work is presumably a success. This does not make it enjoyable.

The same is true of the play. Hedges, adapter and director, demonstrates a sure theatrical skill in choosing excerpts, fashioning these into a sequence of increasing sadism, and marshalling a cast of only six to act them. Mike Tezcan's bloated, unsmiling Bishop remains in that character throughout but the actors playing the Duke, Judge and Banker slip away into the darkness and dry ice around the stage, remove wig and robes and reappear to be abused.

When they play young men they are bald, white-faced and wear white body stockings. The scene is made to seem still more hellish by their silence. Mouths open to shape a scream but when there is a sound, which mostly there is not, it is disembodied and amplified. Often the cruelty is played against the howling of an infernal wind. Sometimes a dismemberment is indicated by a black ribbon tied around a wrist or shoulder. Hedges has trained in Japanese theatre which uses similar effects, and the slow, dainty tread of the figures can be traced to the same source.

To stage the book at all is some kind of achievement; likewise to create a convincing sense of evil. There can be no psychological revelation because the book has none, and this is what makes the 120 minutes so resistible. Each succeeding episode is the same but nastier: one damn crime after another.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT

RPO/Plasson
Festival Hall

BERLIOZ'S great, sometimes apparently amorphous Requiem Mass seems purpose-built for a room such as the Albert Hall. Squeeze it into the relatively tiny Festival Hall, however, and there is a potentially serious problem. All that extra brass, with at least one group only a few feet from one ear or the other, simply sounds too loud. Add to that the often questionable competence of the two choirs involved in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's performance on Sunday, and the piece risked falling flat.

Yet, due largely to the ardour — though not the exactitude — of Michel Plasson, the conductor, the music entered the heart even when the tenors of the Goldsmiths Choral Union and the Royal Choral Society attempted to stifle and distort it with some outrageously poor tuning (in the "Hostias", for instance) and ill-disciplined rhythms (the admittedly tricky "Lacrymosa"). The mesmerically repeated three notes which constitute the choral line of the Offertorium radiated the intended atmosphere of humility and beauty in the context of Berlioz's gently unfolding and beautifully coloured orchestral textures. And when firm, confident singing was perhaps of the greatest importance, in the unaccompanied "Quaerens me", the choirs moved into another, more purposeful and rich-sounding gear.

But those moments were as nothing compared with the exquisitely controlled delivery of John Aler, the tenor, placed in the highest box as all angels should be, in the Sanctus. Though the role is small, it must also be one of the most demanding in this repertoire. Aler's tone stayed glorious, even at those technically tortuous but musically ecstatic moments when the line is high and the dynamic soft.

The massed brass — 12 horns on stage, 16 trumpets and trombones and half-a-dozen tubas scattered about the hall — enjoyed themselves immensely, while the eight percussionists and ten timpanists made their presence felt more than adequately. Otherwise, despite the odd distinguished solo (Geoffrey Browne's cor anglais was telling in "Quid sum miser"), the RPO sounded a touch rough, even tenuous. As well it might, faced with this music, as awesome in its intimacy as its vastness.

STEPHEN PETTITT

DANCE

Scottish Ballet 2
Broadway, Barking
Diversions
Civic, Chelmsford

NO JOKES, please, about Essex men. Thanks to municipal theatres there, I have just spent two evenings enjoying companies from the north and west of the kingdom which venture only rarely near London.

Scottish Ballet 2 is a small group with dancers and repertoire overlapping the main Scottish Ballet company, mainly touring remote or rural areas and towns with no big theatre. A pity they did not bring any of the specially created works, but presumably the temptation to show off choreography by Ashton and MacMillan was irresistible.

The latter's *Sea of Troubles* is full of striking images taken from *Hamlet*, but its kaleidoscopic structure, enigmatic presentation and constant switching or duplicating of roles among the dancers make its purposes baffling — even to people familiar with the play, let alone audiences new to dance or theatre.

Ashton's *Monotones* suffers from poor lighting but Ruth Robinson's pliant, long limbs look good in the white trio, and even better in Ashton's *Isadora* solo, where her commitment and her expressive face come into their own. Galina Samsova's Russian salad of a closing divertissement was exhilaratingly danced, especially by the men.

Diversions, although no larger a group, bills itself proudly as the national dance company of Wales. The eclectic repertoire sensibly includes a strong element of drama and comedy. One of the pieces, a short male duet, *Confrontation*, based on proud gestures and *fado* music, was by a member of the company, Pedro Sandiford.

The other three works given were all by American choreographers. The newest and best was *History of Collage Revisited*, created for Diversions by Bill T. Jones (a Digital commission). With innumerable changes of eccentric costume and reshuffling of the lighting rigs which provide the setting, this offers a neatly arranged medley of dance styles, moods, attitudes and movements making up a light-hearted comment of social and sexual politics. The accompaniment is mainly three of Charles Amirkhanian's sound scores of patterned speech, mingled with music by "Blue" Gene Tyranny.

Robert Kovich's *Atlantique* treats its supposed mythological subject as decoration rather than drama, but like the whole evening is presented with some flair. *Never Enough*, by Dan Shapiro and Joanie Smith, set the cast moving over and around tables and chairs, juggling with plates and dolls, in a jocular parody of family life.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

BELLS AND WHISTLES
(c) In computing, additional facilities in a system, program, etc., which help to make it commercially attractive, but are not essential. An allusion to old fairground organs, with their multiplicity of bells and whistles. Computer bells are actually bleeps.

TRANGAM
(c) A trumpery gimcrack, origin obscure, perhaps a fictitious law term; Scott: "When you usher began to inquire what Popish trangam you were wearing."

PEKAN
(c) The carnivorous wood-shock, a large North American marten, *Martes pennanti*, from the Eastern Algonkin *pékané*: "The pekan is much the largest of the genus, and indeed of the whole weasel kind, excepting only the wolverine."

CONTESSERATION
(b) The act of forming a friendship in Roman times by means of the *tessera hospitalis*, a square tablet which was divided as a tally or token between two friends in order that they or their descendants might recognise each other.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

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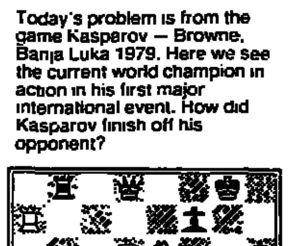

The solution will now appear on "Announcements and Personal", page 17.

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BT OFFER

As the final pieces of information are released on the £5 billion BT share sale the confusion increases. Sara McConnell looks at the details

THE POUND

US dollar	1.7975 (+0.0025)
German mark	2.8719 (−0.0055)
Exchange index	91.2 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share	1888.9 (−9.3)
FT-SE 100	2463.5 (−9.1)
New York Dow Jones	2933.36 (+3.35)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge	23177.84 (−22.02)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank $10\frac{19}{32}$-10½%
3-month eligible bills: 10⅛-$10\frac{9}{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 4⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4.42-4.41%*
30-year bonds 101¼-$101\frac{9}{32}$*

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London:	New York:
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£: SwFr2.5507	$: SwFr1.4186*
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£: Yen232.96	$: Yen129.50*
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London forex market close

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* Denotes midday trading price

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Security division to be floated in summer

Racal fends off £700m bid with demerger

By Colin Campbell

RACAL Electronics says it will demerge its Racal Security division next summer. The group is resurrecting plans first mooted last November but which were deferred in June for tax reasons.

The flotation of Racal Security is Racal's latest riposte to the hostile £700 million 3-for-20, all-share bid from Williams Holdings, which Sir Ernest Harrison, Racal's chairman, says is unsolicited, unwelcome, and inadequate.

Racal's security division embraces locks and safes — Chubb, Union, Lips and Pyrene — electronic security, fire protection and manned guarding, and would be listed in its own right. The division reported £647 million sales in the year to end-March and £45 million operating profits. Capital employed at year end totalled £230 million.

Sir Ernest said Racal had already received a £450 million cash offer to buy Racal Security on a debt-free basis, but that the offer had been rejected. Racal declined to identify the interested party, but said there had been "many expressions of interest" in buying Racal Security.

The promise of the future in Racal Security belongs to Racal shareholders, Sir Ernest added. "It is they, not Williams, nor any other inadequate bidder, who should have those rewards," he said. "The demerger of Racal Security, as with the earlier demerger of Vodafone Group, demonstrates our objective of creating and delivering value for shareholders."

Racal shareholders will hold shares in two independent listed companies after demerger. The ratio of how many shares in Security for how many shares held in Racal, as well as the capital and debt structure of Racal Security, has yet to be determined.

Racal said the demerger plans would be implemented "immediately after publication of the annual report for the year ending March 31, 1992". Sir Ernest said that in the six months to October 11, Racal had achieved stronger turnover, operating profit and cash flow despite the difficult economic environment.

He would not elaborate on precise figures because Racal has yet to publish its official interim report detailing profits and dividends.

Williams said Racal "had travelled this road before, and the demerger plan contains nothing new".

Williams claimed that if Racal Security is floated off debt-free from the rest of the group, the remaining Racal businesses of data communications, defence radar, radio communications, marine and energy, and specialised interests, would have borrowings of £250 million and would be likely to report a pre-tax loss.

Brian McGowan, chief executive of Williams, said: "It is a smokescreen. It is merely the dusting off of a scheme first proposed a year ago, and the effect of which leaves shareholders with an investment in two poorly managed companies — one of which would be heavily geared."

Racal's proposals follow Wednesday's announcement that the Williams bid for Racal will not referred if Williams undertakes to sell the UK operations of Chubb in the event of a successful bid. Williams, owner of Yale locks, had planned to sell Chubb to avoid dominating the British market and thus attracting a referral to the monopolies commission.

The takeover clock, stopped on day 37 of the bid timetable by the takeover panel, ostensibly until the decision of the Office of Fair Trading was made known, is not, however, likely to restart for some days.

It is understood that Williams and Racal held talks with the panel yesterday to decide on the bid clock question, and that the panel gave a ruling, against which one party lodged an appeal. The question of restarting the clock will be aired at a full panel meeting, probably on Monday.

Racal shares rose 1½p to 56p. Williams fell 3p to 315p.

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Maxwells to seek debt moratorium

By Neil Bennett

KEVIN Maxwell is planning to ask bankers to his family's private companies for a three-week debt moratorium while he plans how to resolve their worsening debt crisis.

Mr Maxwell and his advisers will meet the banks on Monday. Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountant, and Bankers Trust are preparing a presentation on the Maxwell family's web of private businesses, their assets and debts.

The meeting was forced on the Maxwell family when Swiss Bank Corporation decided to call in a £55 million loan to Headington Investments, one of the key companies, when it did not provide promised security.

Coopers's team, led by Aiden Birkett, will ask the banks to agree a standstill on the debts to allow it time to produce a more complete report. Mr Maxwell and the advisers will then leave the room to allow the banks to discuss the situation. Last night, however, it appeared most of the 30 banks were already willing to agree to this.

The meeting is being organised by NatWest, which has one of the largest exposures and has agreed to act as lead bank under the Bank of England guidelines.

A spokesman for NatWest said: "Monday's meeting will be very important and very interesting, but we are comforted by the fact that banks appear to be approaching it in an objective manner."

Mr Maxwell flew to New York on Wednesday to calm fears among the banks there. One source reported that he also met with a senior bank to ask for a fresh injection of funds.

A deal too far, page 29

Bundesbank holds rates

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE decision by the Bundesbank's policy-making council to leave key lending rates unchanged helped to calm the financial markets. There is thus no immediate threat of Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, being forced to raise British interest rates in response.

But the pound, suffering from market doubts about the economy and political developments, showed no sign of regaining lost ground against the mark and remained stuck at the bottom of the European exchange-rate mechanism. By the London market close at 5 pm, it stood at DM2.8715, almost half a pfennig lower than on Wednesday. That would appear to rule out any cut in base rate.

Furthermore, annual inflation in Germany is expected to start accelerating again this month, so the Bundesbank, under its tough new president, Helmut Schlesinger, could still tighten its monetary reins soon.

Economists, mindful of the Bundesbank's concerns about money supply growth, high wage demands and public sector deficits, have long predicted a German rate rise by the end of this year. The next scheduled Bundesbank council session takes place on December 5. The bank's Lombard (emergency funding) rate is currently 9.25 per cent. The discount rate stands at 7.5 per cent.

Schlesinger: independent

Although the fiercely independent German central bank insists that its overriding objective is price stability in Germany, a move to increase interest rates is likely run into stiff political opposition.

It would run directly counter to efforts in other leading economies to reduce interest rates to secure economic growth; and with western Germany close to recession, the Bonn government does not favour higher domestic interest rates either.

Storehouse shaken but not stirred

By Gillian Bowditch

SHAREHOLDERS at Storehouse, the Habitat, Mothercare and BhS group, are still looking for the "Julien effect". Losses yesterday of £13.9 million once again failed to reflect any benefits from the radical strategies implemented by Michael Julien, chief executive, since his appointment in June 1988.

Since then 75 per cent of the top management has gone, the entire board has changed, 12 brands have been sold or closed and there have been major strategic changes in each of the main businesses. While the balance sheet is in good shape with practically no debt, the slump in profits has continued unhalted.

Yesterday the group announced a pre-tax loss of £13.9 million for the six months to October 12 compared with profits last time of £7.3 million. Turnover fell from £637 million to £573 million and the loss per share was 2.3p compared with earnings of 1.3p. The surprise decision to maintain the dividend at 2.5p and the hint that it was unlikely to fall at the full year helped to boost the shares 9p to 99p after several days of selling.

Costs rose 5 per cent while sales on a like-for-like basis fell 4 per cent. Margins fell at BhS and Mothercare, which, like Habitat, made losses. The increase in VAT cost the group £4 million.

Mr Julien is not banking on any upturn in the economy in the current financial year, but he remains optimistic about Christmas, particularly at BhS. Sales so far in the last seven weeks have been up 6½ per cent on last year with costs running at around 5½ per cent ahead of last year. But even Mr Julien admits that last November was a particularly poor month and no one at Storehouse believes the coming months will be easy.

Ian Hay Davison, the group's chairman, said: "In spite of improving sales in recent weeks it is clearly too early to make a forecast for the full year. While the fall in inflation and lower interest rates are welcome, there is still little sign of any fundamental shift in UK consumer confidence and the housing market remains in the doldrums.

"Profit in the second half should benefit both from the improving sales trends compared with last year and the absense of exceptional costs. However, significant sales and profit growth will have to await more concrete evidence of economic recovery than we have so far seen."

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MARC APSLAND

Hoping for £5.5 billion and the biggest sale yet: Francis Maude unveils the BT public share offer yesterday

BT sale aimed at cautious public

By Graham Searjeant

THE government is anxious to woo back investors put off from subscribing for more than a few shares in the British Telecom sale after their experiences in recent privatisations. Francis Maude, financial secretary of the Treasury, said that if the maximum number of shares were sold, BT II could be the government's biggest share sale yet.

Launching the offer to the public yesterday, Mr Maude said: "It is our aim to give retail investors significant allocations of shares". Up to £5.5 billion worth of shares, at today's BT price, may be sold if demand is high. The proportion allotted to retail investors could rise from a minimum half to a maximum two thirds of the shares offered.

Mr Maude confirmed that the discount for investors in the retail offer would be 15p on the initial instalment, regardless of how many shares they apply for. Institutional investors will pay 125p against 110p for retail investors. Discounts on later instalments are limited to 1,000 shares.

More than 80 per cent of the 5.25 million people finally registered with the share information office selected one of the eight share shops nominated for the issue. Norwich and Peterborough building society offers the lowest terms for sale of BT shares, a flat rate of £9.50, although cheaper deals are available outside the share shops. National Westminster Bank offers the lowest charge for other small deals, but only through the post.

The public offer is open until December 4, but the international tender for institutions does not close until December 6, when the final price will be fixed.

BT shares fell a further 3p to 358p yesterday. Lord Cairns, chief executive of SG Warburg, the government's adviser, said the offer had been structured to be as flexible as possible to cope with stockmarket movements.

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British Gas to challenge OFT over competition

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITISH Gas is prepared to force a reference of its British gas supply responsibilities to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Robert Evans, the company's chairman, signalled yesterday.

Mr Evans made it plain that he is concerned that British Gas should not be left with obligations to maintain supplies if its market share is severely reduced by increased competition, as the government intends.

Variations of 50:1 between peaks and troughs in demand make management of the transmission and distribution system a critical issue, he said.

Talks resume today between the company and the Office of Fair Trading on a package of measures, including the phased opening up of the domestic market to competition, proposed by the OFT.

Mr Evans was speaking after the publication of British Gas results for the half year to the end of September, which showed a pre-tax loss of £153 million, almost twice the loss in the same period last year. The British Gas chairman said the results were "most satisfactory, given the general recessionary environment." The company's first-half profit performance is invariably weak because it makes only a third of its sales during the summer months.

The board confirmed its confidence in the outcome for the year, however, with an interim dividend of 4.25p, up 13 per cent, and by promising a special year-end dividend of 6p, as the company alters its financial year-end from March to December.

Much of the increased loss was attributable to reduced profits in the company's exploration and production arm. The supply business in Britain reduced half-year operating losses by £26 million to £124 million.

During the first half, British Gas spent £606 million on its British business. The volume of gas sales rose 4.3 per cent as the company added 90,000 customers — broadly in line with recent trends. The average price of gas rose 7 per cent. The impact of recession on the United Kingdom, however, was indicated by a £14 million increase in bad debts, although there was no rise in disconnections.

Consumers Gas, the Canadian supply business included for the first time, made a positive contribution. Efforts to diversify overseas in both exploration and production and in supply were making progress.

The diversification is partly in response to growing regulatory pressure on the profit prospects of the company's British business. Mr Evans said: "We are seeing developments in regulation here which make you wonder whether there is any money in supplying gas."

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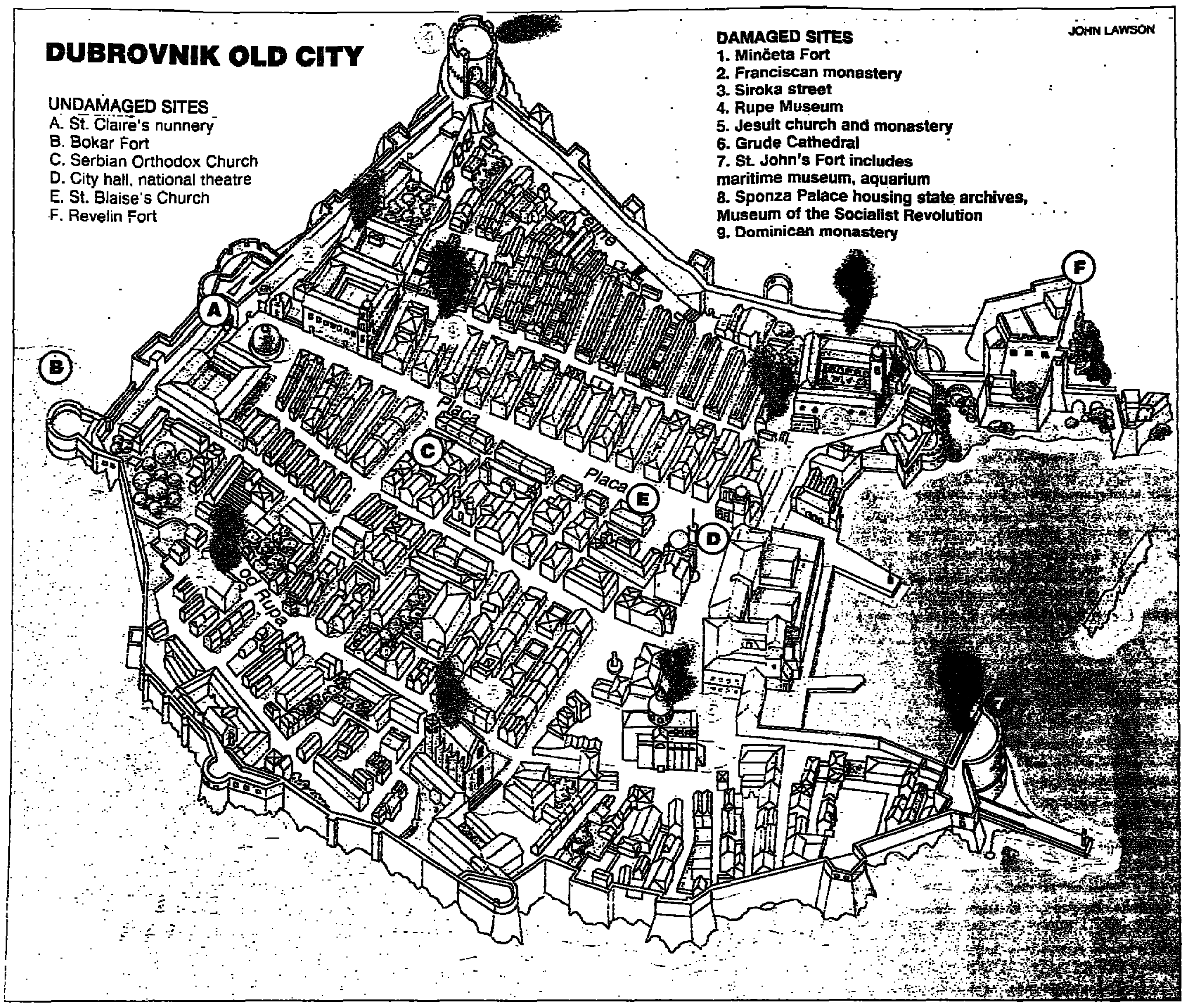

DUBROVNIK OLD CITY

UNDAMAGED SITES
A. St. Claire's nunnery
B. Bokar Fort
C. Serbian Orthodox Church
D. City hall, national theatre
E. St. Blaise's Church
F. Revelin Fort

DAMAGED SITES
1. Minčeta Fort
2. Franciscan monastery
3. Siroka street
4. Rupe Museum
5. Jesuit church and monastery
6. Grude Cathedral
7. St. John's Fort includes maritime museum, aquarium
8. Sponza Palace housing state archives, Museum of the Socialist Revolution
9. Dominican monastery

JOHN LAWSON

Warships to free refugees

By Tim Judah and Michael Evans

TWO British warships are preparing to steam to Dubrovnik and Split to take off refugees following yesterday's proposal at the Western European Union to create a WEU-protected corridor off the Yugoslav coast. The closest two British ships are HMS Fearless, an amphibious assault ship with a complement of nearly 600, and HMS Minerva, a Leander-class frigate, armed with Exocet and Seacat missiles. Yesterday it was emphasised that any mission to the Adriatic would be humanitarian. Warships would fire in anger only if attacked.

In Dubrovnik the arrival of two European aid ships, with the venerable war hero, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, on board one, was a reassuring sign that Dubrovnik was not about to suffer the fate of Vukovar. The first to arrive was the Illirija, a ferry boat carrying medicines, survival rations and Sir Fitzroy, now 80. Once Britain's liaison officer with Marshal Tito, he recalled that it was almost exactly 48 years ago that he had been parachuted into Yugoslavia to help organise supplies to the country's communist partisans.

As potatoes and milk cartons came off the Illirija, France's minister of humanitarian affairs and Italy's minister of immigration paced the docks watching the arrival of the San Marco, an Italian naval hospital ship, also laden with 16 lorryloads of medicine, food, candles and other supplies.

Fight to death, page 11

Scarred but safe: claim and counter-claim on artillery strikes against the medieval walled city of Dubrovnik have come readily from both sides of the Yugoslav civil war since the first shells fell inside the ramparts, but, while it is certain much of the modern city outside the ancient stone fortifications has been severely damaged, the fate of historic buildings inside appears to be not as bad as early reports suggested. Bozo Letunic, director of the Institute for the Restoration of Dubrovnik, has reported "about 25 shells or rockets" landing within the city's walls, but *The Times* correspondent Tim Judah confirmed that no historic monuments have been destroyed.

The 18th century Jesuit church and the 14th century Franciscan monastery have been damaged, but only slightly. Although a rocket hit the top of the city's main clock tower, constructed in the 14th century and rebuilt after the first world war, only a scorch mark can be seen at the point of impact and the clock continues to function.

The quay of the old harbour is pockmarked with small craters but the medieval walls, rebuilt in the 17th century, have escaped with only small chips and burns.

To date there have been reports on nine specific sites within the old city: the Sponza Palace, the 16th century former mint, now used to house state archives and the Museum of the Socialist Revolution; the Dominican monastery, built during the 14th and 15th centuries; the Grude cathedral, a baroque 17th and 18th century reconstruction of the original 12th century church destroyed by an earthquake in 1667; St John's Fort, built in the 14th century to guard the harbour's southern approach; the Rupe Museum, a former 16th century granary; Siroka street, one of the original main thoroughfares; the 13th century Franciscan monastery close to the famous Pile western city wall gate; Minceta Fort, a 15th century turret on the north-west angle of the city wall, and 18th century Jesuit church and monastery.

Political sketch

Mr Speaker is shell shocked

IN its most serious public relations blunder to date, 10 Downing Street yesterday bungled the release of Terry Waite. What are things coming to when the whole majesty of our foreign office is unable to get this man kept in captivity for a couple more days — so his return elbows Mrs Thatcher's Euro-outburst from the next day's headlines? For the first time in her career, Canterbury has passed up an opportunity to queer her pitch.

Mrs Ann Clwyd made a spectacular if doomed bid to upstage Waite. Pulling out all the stops, Labour's overseas development spokesman made an emotional speech on the plight of the Kurds, then brandished a foot-long brass shell at Mr Speaker.

"It's shells like these," she exclaimed (as though providing the breathless voice-over for video pictures in a TV documentary), "that are being used on the Kurds". With this, she rummaged in her extensive woolly Welsh cardiganry and pulled from somewhere a big brass rocket-like object.

"I want that thing taken out of here," said a visibly alarmed Mr Speaker, barely keeping his voice steady.

"What, this?" cried Mrs Clwyd, waving that thing in front of the cameras.

"On a point of order," said the Tories' bow-tied Michael Morris, "*I* was apprehended when I brought an *orange* into the chamber".

"I want it removed," insisted the Speaker. Old Frank "Snarling Grandpa" Haynes (Lab) disarmed Mrs Clywd. It must be the first time in history Haynes has defused rather than inflamed a parliamentary moment.

"I'm sorry you're all so squeamish," came Mrs Clwyd's lilting Welsh pout.

She misses the point. There is a good reason why standing orders prohibit MPs from bringing visual aids into the chamber: for there would then be no stopping them. Each would seek to amuse or shock more violently than the others.

Enterprising young Tories would wave in front of the cameras patent kitchen gadgetry in whose manufacture they had an interest. Anti-hunt Liberal Democrats would toss the remains of mauled fox-cubs across at the Tory front bench. On the comic side, there is no telling what sorts of unpleasantnesses Mr Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW), who loves to intervene facetiously during discussions about raw sewage outfalls, would use as props. On the tragic side, I ask you only to imagine one of the Commons's frequent debates on abortion, without Mr Speaker's wise prohibition. It would not be long before MPs were demanding that *Hansard* be printed with colour photographs...

No, the Chair was right. Besides, with Mr Patrick Cormack (Con) to draw pictures in words, who needs the real thing? Mr Cormack does not like Saddam Hussein. "Why has there been no attempt," he spluttered, "to bring this *bestial*, malevolent, satanic *bigot* to the bar of world opinion?"

The usual, Sadd — pint of lager and a packet of nuts?

Mrs Chalker, the overseas development minister, though unable to promise Mr Cormack help with his request, was hardly in a humble mood yesterday. None of the development women were. Whatever the female equivalent of "macho" ("macha?") may be, a specialised form of it seems to be spreading among these women, ever since Glenys Kinnock went to the Sudan. It consists in outbidding each other in the perils they have undergone in order to witness at first hand the horrors facing people in the third world.

"Been there, done that," implies Mrs Chalker, newly helicoptered back from the Kurdish mountains.

"But has she *seen* the sufferings of these people," shrilled Mrs Clwyd yesterday, "Does she *know*? ... I've seen hundreds of people fleeing, terrified ..."

"She's always asking 'do I know this, do I know that?'" replied a frosty Mrs Chalker. "Of course I know."

The Tories' Emma Nicholson intervened to out-macha both. *She* had been to the Iraqi marshes, the better to observe suffering, "and I hope to bring over some of their smaller victims".

Unexpectedly to Chalker's aid had flown Andrew Rowe (Con, Mid Kent). "I don't think there can be *anybody* in the third world who does not appreciate my hon friend's assiduity," he said.

Anybody? In our mind's eye we flew to the banks of the Niger, where little piccaninnies tug at their mothers' skirts: "Ah sho do appreciate dat big white lady's assidaity, Ma!"

"Hush, chil'!"

Matthew Parris

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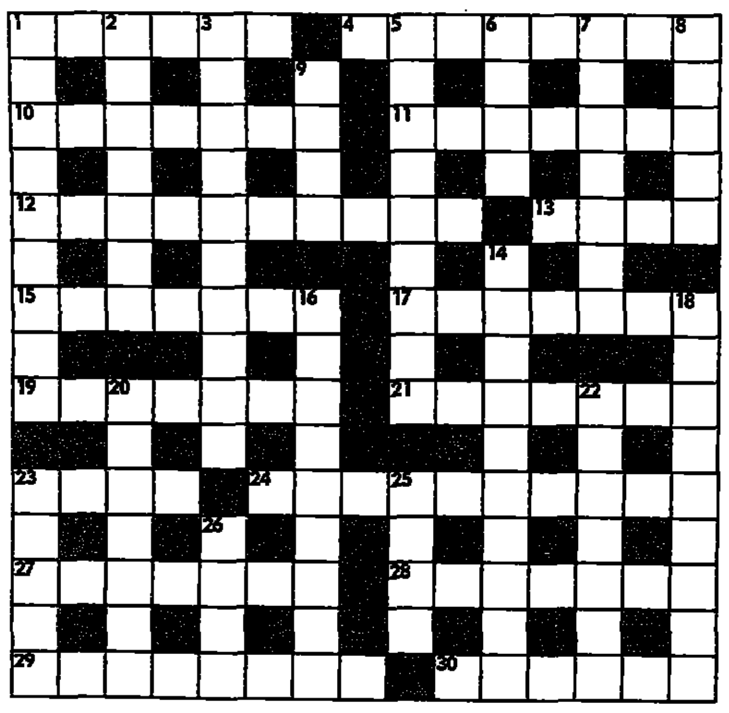

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1 Fast that's broken for a special celebration (6).
4 Top of paper is crazy as the contents (8).
10 Dry wind from south-east (7).
11 Be astonished by money made by poet (7).
12 Divide country from town (10).
13 Substantial container in the sink (4).
15 Maintained the Bible was wrong (7).
17 Career talk that could make you cry (4-3).
19 Exhausted, making maximum effort (4,3).
21 Officer heard with ill-will here (7).
23 One to lift an honour (4).
24 Statement in law for example (10).
27 Mother of Brecht is about contemporary (7).
28 One is taken in by decree doing away with Eros, say (7).
29 Weapon with which I'll stab a revolutionary (8).
30 Dreadful woman to improve and pair off (6).

DOWN
1 Standard support in Arizona (9).
2 Old Jew concealing cold nature (7).
3 Those people in the East End were told to turn up ages ago (3,4,3).
5 It may cushion one's tread across York, for example (9).
6 Acid made up from nitrate (4).
7 Smooth gin drunk then? (7).
8 Amusement for baby-sitter (5).
9 Moor was killed (4).
14 Making attractive day at the Royal Academy? (10).
16 Get tender out for a cleansing agent (9).
18 Dogs found beneath the arches (9).
20 A corn initially said to be hard growth (7).
22 Gemstone girl's keeping at home (7).
23 Old sheep had hairy twin (5).
25 Weaken obsession — free at last! (4).
26 African country expels Anglicans out of spite (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,766

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

BELLS AND WHISTLES
a. Naval slang for Action Stations
b. Sexist for good-looking women
c. Unnecessary computer gimmicks

TRANGAM
a. A step-grandmother
b. A mass exchange at Chess
c. A trumpery gimmick

PEKAN
a. A delicious nut
b. The Beijing dialect
c. The wood-shock

CONTESSERATION
a. Voting by fours
b. Forming friendship
c. Rectangular mosaic pattern

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THE LAST WORD IN CIGARS
CHAMBORD
COMPLIMENTS OF HENRI WINTERMANS

WEATHER

There will be a dull, wet start in the southeast and parts of the east, with heavy rain at times. Brighter and more showery weather elsewhere will spread slowly southeast. Showers will be heaviest, perhaps thundery, and most frequent in northern and eastern parts, turning to sleet or snow at times on hills from the Pennines northwards. All parts will be windy and it will feel colder in the winds. Outlook: changeable.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	12	54	c	Majorca	20	68	s
Akrotiri	21	70	f	Malaga	21	70	s
Alex'dria	23	73	s	Malta	18	64	f
Algiers	22	72	s	Melb'rne	23	73	f
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Miami*	26	79	f
Athens	18	64	s	Milan	10	50	s
Bahrain	25	77	s	Montreal*	1	34	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Moscow	3	37	c
Barbads*	26	79	r	Munich	2	36	sl
Barcelna	17	63	s	Nairobi	21	70	f
Beirut	22	72	s	Naples	14	57	s
Belgrade	5	41	f	N Delhi	24	75	s
Berlin	5	41	f	N York*	7	45	s
Bermuda*	22	72	f	Nice	16	61	f
Biarritz	13	55	r	Oslo	0	32	s
Borde'x	15	59	c	Paris	12	54	f
Brussels	8	46	c	Peking	13	55	s
Budapst	6	43	f	Perth	21	70	f
B Aires*	25	77	s	Prague	3	37	s
Cairo	25	77	s	Reykjavik	-5	23	s
Cape Tn	24	75	f	Rhodes	18	64	f
Chicago*	7	45	c	Rio de J	28	82	s
Ch'church	15	59	f	Riyadh	28	82	s
Cologne	5	41	r	Rome	15	59	s
C'phagn	4	39	c	Salzburg	3	37	s
Corfu	13	55	f	S F'risco*	15	59	r
Dublin	6	43	c	Santiago*	24	75	s
Faro	19	66	s	S Paulo*	28	82	f
Florence	8	46	c	Seoul	11	52	f
Frankfurt	5	41	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Funchal	20	68	c	St'kholm	1	34	sl
Geneva	9	48	f	Strasb'rg	7	45	c
Gibraltar	20	68	s	Sydney	23	73	s
Helsinki	0	32	sn	Tangier	18	64	s
Hong K	23	73	s	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Innsbrck	2	36	f	Tenerife	22	72	c
Istanbul	14	57	f	Tokyo	16	61	f
Jeddah	33	91	s	Toronto*	3	37	s
Karachi	31	88	s	Tunis	19	66	c
L Palmas	21	70	c	Valencia	19	66	s
Le Tquet	9	48	r	Vanc'ver*	9	48	c
Lisbon	17	63	c	Venice	11	52	s
Locarno	8	46	s	Vienna	7	45	d
London	12	54	f	Warsaw	5	41	c
L Angels*	16	61	s	Wash'ton*	11	52	s
Luxembg	5	41	d	Wel'mton	15	59	c
Luxor	29	84	s	Zurich	4	39	c
Madrid	14	57	f				

* denotes figures are latest available

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.17
Austria Sch	21.30	19.80
Belgium Fr	62.30	58.30
Canada $	2.145	1.985
Denmark Kr	11.76	11.01
Finland Mkk	*	*
France Fr	10.32	9.62
Germany Dm	3.02	2.82
Greece Dr	349.00	324.00
Hong Kong $	14.50	13.50
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.06
Italy Lira	2285.00	2135.00
Japan Yen	249.00	230.00
Netherlands Gld	3.40	3.18
Norway Kr	11.98	11.13
Portugal Esc	263.50	245.00
South Africa Rd	5.15	4.55
Spain Pta	189.50	176.50
Sweden Kr	11.15	10.35
Switzerland Fr	2.67	2.50
Turkey Lira	9000.00	8200.00
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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp. max 6 am to 6 pm, 08C (46F), min 6 pm to 6 am, 03C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.15 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.3 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.1	.04	4	39	fog
Anglesey	-	.09	7	45	rain
Belfast	-	.24	6	43	rain
Birmingham	-	.02	4	39	rain
Bognor Regis	-	.09	9	48	rain
Bournemouth	1.4	.05	9	48	rain
Bristol	0.5	.13	7	45	rain
Buxton	-	.02	3	37	rain
Cardiff	0.2	.13	7	45	rain
Clacton	-	-	3	37	fog
Cromer	2.5	-	5	41	fog
Douglas	-	.24	7	45	rain
Eastbourne	1.4	.11	9	48	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	-	1	34	fog
Exmouth	0.3	.23	9	48	rain
Folkestone	4.1	-	10	50	bright
Glasgow	-	.01	2	36	rain
Guernsey	0.3	.23	10	50	rain
Hastings	2.0	-	9	48	bright
Hunstanton	-	-	3	37	fog
Jersey	0.1	.28	10	50	rain
Leeds	-	.02	3	37	fog
London	-	.01	6	43	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	.07	3	37	fog
Manchester	1.1	.02	6	43	rain
Minehead	0.3	.05	9	48	rain
Morecambe	0.1	.01	7	45	rain
Newcastle	0.4	-	3	37	fog
Newquay	-	.12	12	54	rain
Nottingham	-	-	3	37	fog
Penzance	-	.47	12	54	rain
Plymouth	-	.31	9	48	rain
Poole	0.2	.07	9	48	drizzle
Prestwick	0.4	-	6	43	rain
Salcombe	-	.25	12	54	rain
Sandown	2.5	.04	9	48	sunny
Saunton Snd	-	.07	7	45	drizzle
Scilly Isles	-	.32	12	54	rain
Shanklin	2.1	.10	8	46	rain
Southsea	1.0	.01	9	48	cloudy
St. Ives	-	.21	12	54	rain
Swanage	2.0	.08	9	48	rain
Teignmouth	-	.17	10	50	rain
Torquay	-	.12	8	46	rain
Wick	6.5	-	5	41	sunny
Worthing	-	.17	9	48	cloudy

These are Sunday's figures.

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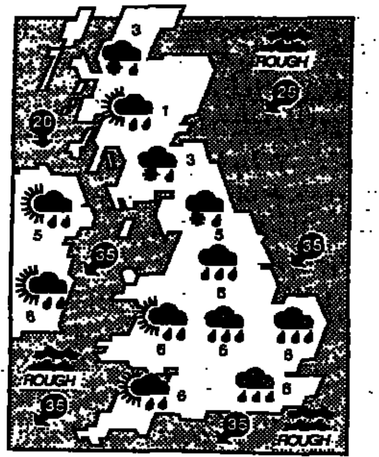

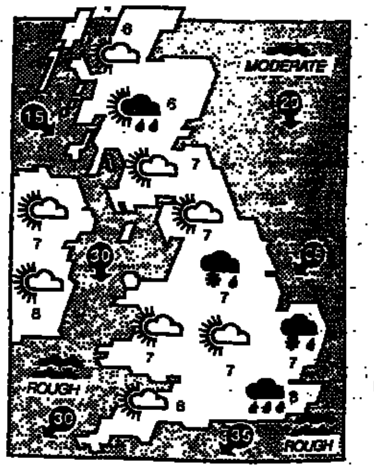

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 4.07 pm to 7.26 am
Bristol 4.17 pm to 7.36 am
Edinburgh 4.00 pm to 7.58 am
Manchester 4.07 pm to 7.43 am
Penzance 4.34 pm to 7.43 am

Sun rises: 7.25 am
Sun sets: 4.07 pm
Moon sets 4.20 am
Moon rises 2.21 pm
Full moon November 21

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	2	36	r	Guernsey	11	52	r
B'rmgham	10	50	c	Inverness	5	41	r
Blackpool	9	48	c	Jersey	12	54	s
Bristol	9	48	c	London	12	54	f
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'nchster	9	48	c
Edinburgh	4	39	r	Newcastle	4	39	r
Glasgow	6	43	c	R'nldsway	9	48	c

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 09C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 04C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Leeming, North Yorkshire, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Penzance, Cornwall, 0.47 in; highest sunshine: Wick, Highland, 6.5 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.20	6.2	11.56	6.5
Aberdeen	11.15	3.8	11.16	4.0
Avonmouth	4.33	11.4	4.59	12.0
Belfast	8.32	3.1	8.42	3.2
Cardiff	4.18	10.6	4.44	11.1
Devonport	3.20	5.0	3.41	5.1
Dover	8.30	6.0	8.54	6.0
Falmouth	2.50	4.8	3.11	4.9
Glasgow	10.36	4.5	10.57	4.5
Harwich	9.11	3.6	9.50	3.8
Holyhead	8.04	5.0	8.15	5.2
Hull	3.36	6.6	4.16	6.5
Ilfracombe	3.26	8.0	3.50	8.3
King's Lynn	3.47	5.7	4.27	5.8
Leith			12.25	5.0

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	8.50	8.3	9.05	8.7
Lowestoft	6.37	2.3	7.39	2.3
Margate	9.24	4.4	10.04	4.5
Milford Haven	3.46	6.0	4.08	6.3
Newquay	2.42	6.1	3.01	6.4
Oban	3.30	3.4	3.49	3.8
Penzance	2.26	5.1	2.45	5.2
Portland	4.16	1.9	4.32	2.0
Portsmouth	8.55	4.4	9.16	4.3
Shoreham	8.40	5.6	9.02	5.7
Southampton	8.42	4.2	8.59	4.1
Swansea	3.45	8.3	4.07	8.7
Tees	12.56	4.8	1.35	4.9
W'lton-on-Nze	9.12	3.8	9.49	4.0

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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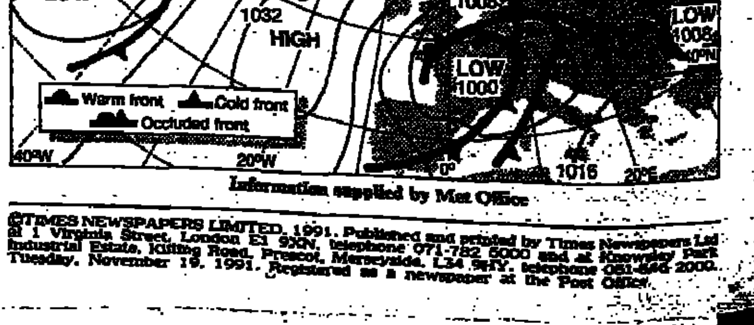

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Interim profits surge to £351m at C&W

By Martin Waller

A JUMP in the trading profits at Mercury — British Telecom's only rival in the British telephone market — and a further strong performance from Hong Kong sent the first-half pre-tax profits at Cable and Wireless ahead by £50 million to £351 million.

The shares climbed 14p to 527p, encouraged by the absence of a much-rumoured £500 million rights issue that had prompted a 22p fall in the shares during the previous day. Lord Young, the C&W chairman, dismissed the rumours, saying gearing was 14 per cent at the end of the last financial year and was 14 per cent now.

The interim dividend is raised by 15 per cent to 4.25p. Lord Young said the "encouraging result" at the half-way stage had been achieved despite the continued uncertainty in the world's important economies.

He said: "We now have to look ahead to a time that will see deregulation, liberalisation and privatisation in our industry sweep the world."

There were a total of 25 telecommunications privatisations planned around the world during the next five years. Lord Young said: "It may well be that for some of those we could take a significant minority interest."

Lord Young: shares up

Mercury saw its turnover rise from £316 million to £439 million and trading profit move ahead by a similar rate, by £19 million to £69 million, excluding any contribution from the Mercury Personal Communications Network, which has not yet started operations.

The volume of calls through Mercury had climbed to 6.4 million a day at end-September from 3.7 million a year previously. However, Lord Young gave a warning that current trading conditions would slow the rate of growth in the second half.

The stock market has long regarded the fate of C&W's Hong Kong activities as the key to the group's future.

Lord Young said that on the most recent of his many visits to Peking to meet the Chinese leaders the capital increasingly resembled Hong Kong, such was the degree of westernisation.

As to Canton and southern China, "they are going much more the way of Hong Kong", he added. "I can't seen any way in which the whole of the Pearl River delta area is not moving into one economic zone."

C&W remained "very bullish" about the prospect of exploiting the enormous Chinese market for telecommunications.

Lord Young said: "It may well be that, in the years to come, we will develop more of a joint-venture relationship with the Chinese regional telecoms companies."

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AWA shares jump on takeover speculation

French grip closes on Europe's third biggest paper firm

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

SAINT Louis, a French sugar and paper group controlled by the Worms family, has made a 4.3 billion franc bid for the outstanding shares in Arjomari-Prioux. Arjomari is the largest shareholder in Arjo Wiggins Appleton (AWA), an Anglo-French paper manufacturer and Europe's third-largest company in its field.

The bid is not expected to lead to changes in the ownership of AWA, but it has been interpreted as a move by the Worms family to play a greater part in running the company. Officially, it represents no more than a tidying-up of the complex web of the Worms family's financial interests.

AWA was created at the end of last year through the merger of Wiggins Teape Appleton, which had demerged from BAT, and Arjomari, the main asset of which is its 39 per cent stake in AWA. The link was widely welcomed at the time on industrial grounds, but there was concern that AWA might be left open to undue influence by a single foreign shareholder.

In particular, the deal risked the possibility of one large minority shareholder exercising effective control without having to bid for the whole of the company. These criticisms were rejected by the management, and dismissed by shareholders, who voted the deal through.

Yesterday's development will strengthen the grip of St Louis on Arjomari, in which it already holds a 41.4 per cent stake, and therefore indirectly on AWA.

Although Saint Louis gave an undertaking that the bid would not affect the ownership of AWA, there was an initial sharp rise in AWA's share price on takeover speculation. This subsided later, and the shares fell back to close at 259p, up 5p.

Saint Louis has bid for the outstanding shares in Arjomari, offering a package of shares and convertible bonds with a face value of Fr525 a share, which is roughly in line with Arjomari's current share price, after adjustments for some property interests.

The terms of the offer are one new convertible bond for one share, or 11 new convertible bonds for two existing convertibles.

Saint Louis said in a statement that the deal "should allow Saint Louis to clarify and simplify its structure in order to fulfil its role as an industrial operator fully."

Increased sales lift LIG to £20m

By Our City Staff

LONDON International Group, the surgical glove and condom maker, reported an increase in half-year pre-tax profits from a restated £17.6 million to £20.5 million. The increase is attributed to increased sales of its Durex condom range.

The group said it saw no United Kingdom economic upturn until next year, but the strength of its brands and its geographical spread would permit it to trade satisfactorily throughout the year.

Alan Woltz, the chairman, said: "The condom market continued to expand worldwide and London International Group's business continued to increase in most major markets." LIG stated it had restated its 1990 figures because of increased payments on a convertible bond.

LIG's main health and personal products division reported an operating profit of £13.6 million, against £11.1 million previously. It said condom sales in Southeast Asia advanced and that a joint venture agreement with Royal Industries Thailand, the Thai company, would give it a good base from which to trade in the region.

LIG's surgical glove business increased market share in the UK and America and was "on track" in Europe. The group's ColourCare photoprocessing division turned in a slightly lower operating profit of £11.5 million, against £12.4 million, in a generally weaker market.

LIG shares were down 13p to 290p because the profits were at the bottom of the range of stockbrokers' forecasts, from £20.5 million to £24 million.

About 1.6 million shares changed hands. Dealers said LIG shares have had a good run recently and people are taking some profit on the results.

Hogg Robinson climbs to £10.8m

By Martin Waller

A STRONG recovery from the travel division and record profits from financial services sent pre-tax profits at Hogg Robinson ahead from £8.74 million to £10.85 million in the half year to end-September. The interim dividend is raised from 2.25p to 2.50p.

Perry: bookings up

Brian Perry, the chairman and managing director, said the result had stemmed from a general growth in most business areas coupled with a continuing emphasis on cost controls, particularly in the travel division.

Trading profits from the travel side rose 59 per cent, to £5.53 million, while financial services saw a 41 per cent increase to £2.21 million. Transport grew 11 per cent to £2.11 million.

Since the half-year end, Hogg has bought Dens Group, a Belgian transport company, for £6.83 million, but continues with £27 million net cash in the bank. Mr Perry added that while the travel market was reasonably flat, "the forward booking position for the winter and next summer looks quite attractive". Bookings for next summer are up 15 per cent on last year.

Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, has now sold his holding but the Kuwaiti Investment Office retains 11.5 per cent and British Airways has 12.5 per cent.

"Even though economic recovery is likely to be slow, we are optimistic of a successful outcome for the year as a whole," Mr Perry said. Hogg shares advanced 10p to 189p.

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Engineers call for tax-free benefits

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

ENGINEERING employers yesterday called for a future government to take a range of largely fiscal steps to improve the position of British manufacturing industry, including making investment expenditure tax-deductible.

The statement defines the engineering industry's pre-election agenda and launches 'EEF — the Voice of Engineering', formerly the Engineering Employers Federation, which was principally involved with national pay bargaining, but is now a general lobbying body for manufacturing industry.

The EEF's approach,put this week to Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, and which will be put shortly to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and John Smith, his Labour opposite, differs markedly from that of the Confederation of British Industry, which is calling for a refocusing of the trade and industry department.

Peter Ball, deputy director general of the EEF, said: "It is an absolute nonsense that you can deduct the cost of advertising straight away, but not the cost of plant and machinery." It also suggests future governments should support research and development and seek the removal of foreign governments' subsidies to their own industries.

The EEF said its approach should be considered by all political parties,but said many of the measures introduced by the Conservatives over the past 12 years had been helpful to manufacturing, while a number of Labour's proposals, including union recognition a minimum wage and a training tax, would not.

No profits, no pay: Sir Lawrie, back from retirement

Barratt expects housing market revival in 1992

By Matthew Bond

SIR Lawrie Barratt, lately returned from retirement to chair Barratt Developments, said yesterday that he believed the housing market had bottomed out.

In a strongly worded address to shareholders attending the company's annual meeting, Sir Lawrie expressed his confidence that house prices, having fallen by about 30 per cent in the last two years, would begin to recover in 1992. "I feel the bottom of the housing market has now been reached. I certainly foresee house prices rising throughout 1992 in line with increased earnings of 5 per cent or more," he said.

Sir Lawrie also made it clear that he was committed to returning Barratt to profit. Two months ago, the company reported a pre-tax loss of £106 million, after the value of the group's American and English land banks had been written down by £73 million. John Swanson, Sir Lawrie's predecessor, resigned in July.

Sir Lawrie, whose comments prompted a 3p rise in Barratt's shares to 62p, said that he would not receive any pay until the company returned to profitability. "In other words, no profits, no pay." He pointed out that he had bought a million shares earlier this month and that his wife had acquired a further 250,000.

He reassured shareholders that, while debt reduction was his first priority, this would be done by reducing work in progress and by asset sales rather than through a rights issue. He said that progress had already been made, pointing out that total debt now stood at £178 million compared to £290 million a year ago. He was also optimistic about the long term prospects for Barratt's Californian operation.

As part of the debt reduction programme, Sir Lawrie announced a plan to sell and lease back the group's show houses. For the two or three years that Barratt retained the use of the house, an investment return of 17 per cent would be guaranteed. Rents would provide buyers with a yield of 12 per cent a year, while a further 5 per cent a year would be guaranteed on the eventual sale of the house. The show houses will be put on the market early next month.

Sir Lawrie said it was not possible to predict when precisely Barratt would return to profitable trading. Given the depth and immediacy of Barratt's problems, he said: "You will not be surprised to hear, therefore, that during the first four months of this financial year the group continued to trade at a loss. But these losses are declining monthly and I am confident that we will very soon return to profitable trading."

He said six subsidiaries had been closed in the last three months, and every aspect of overhead expenditure had been examined.

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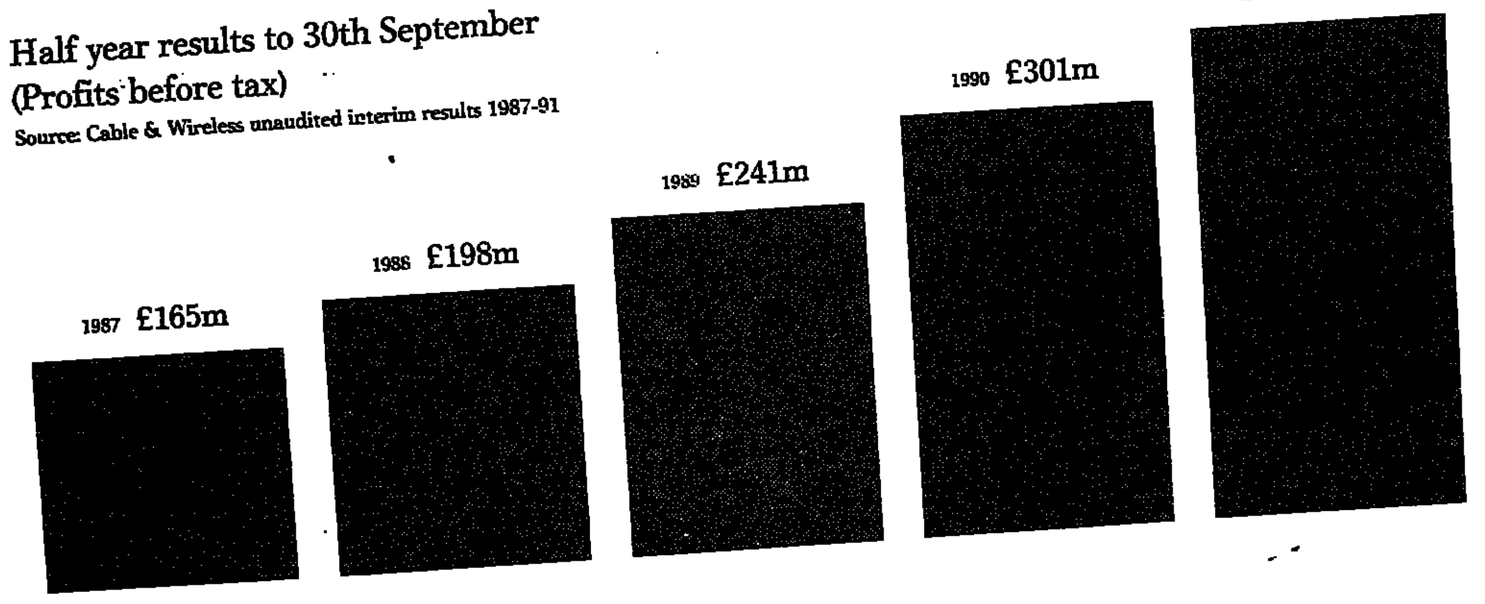

Financial highlights for the half year ending 30th September 1991.

- Profit before tax up 17% to £351m – an increase of £50m.
- Interim dividend of 4.25p per share is up by 15%.
- Turnover continues to grow strongly – up by 24%.
- Mercury profit up by 38%.
- Earnings per share up by 15%.
- Net gearing at 30th September 14.0%.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Eve Group	Building,Rds	
2	Assoc Nursing	Industrial	
3	Clarkson (H)	Transport	
4	Caird Gp	Chems,Plas	
5	Bunzl	Paper,Print	
6	Park Foods	Foods	
7	CRH	Building,Rds	
8	Waddington (J)	Paper,Print	
9	Admiral	Electrical	
10	Norcros	Industrial	
11	Gr Portland	Property	
12	Paterson Zoch	Chems,Plas	
13	Morrison (W)	Foods	
14	Capital Radio	Leisure	
15	Ibstock Johnsen	Building,Rds	
16	Bristol	Newspapr,Pub	
17	YRM	Building,Rds	
18	TIP Europe	Transport	
19	Wensum	Drapery,Strs	
20	AAH	Industrial	
21	Eldridge P 'A'	Breweries	
22	Midsummer	Industrial	
23	Nurdin Peacock	Foods	
24	Kewill Sys	Electrical	
25	CIA Gp	Paper,Print	
26	Devenish (JA)	Breweries	
27	Zetters Gp	Leisure	
28	Sutcliffe Speak	Chems,Plas	
29	Christie	Property	
30	Hogg Robinson	Drapery,Strs	
31	ERA Gp	Drapery,Strs	
32	BNB Res	Paper,Print	
33	Br Land	Property	
34	Aegis Gp	Paper,Print	
35	Molynx	Electrical	
36	Midlnd Scot Res	Oils, Gas	
37	West Scaffold	Building,Rds	
38	Cranswick	Foods	
39	Rea Bros	Banks,Disc	
40	Transport Dev	Transport	
41	Microfilm Rep	Electrical	
42	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
43	ECC Group	Industrial	
44	Sheffield Insl	Building,Rds	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

The £4,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was won yesterday by Mrs June Lloyd of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey Ntl	284	− 1	9.5	4.5	9.3
183	126	Allied Irish	170	− 3	...	5.9	12.2
60	23	Ansbacher (H)	35	− 1	1.5	5.7	...
198	121	Aus New Z	182	− 7	...	...	5.8
2631	1218	Bankamerica	2075 †	−84	...	...	...
173¼	115½	Bk of Ireland	148	− 1	...	7.3	23.7
1950	1900	Bk Leumi Isl	1900 #	...	...	...	...
350	340	Bk Leumi UK	340	...	16.0	6.3	...
126	91	Bank Scotland	120	...	...	5.7	26.1
489	327	Barclays	395	− 5	21.1	7.1	26.1
12	3	Benchmark	5	...	...	...	19.9
270	195	Brown Shipley	225	− 4	8.0	4.7	...
27	12½	Carlisle	16	...	...	...	...
464	313	Cater Allen	371	− 3	25.0	9.1	...
78	52	Cattles	67	− 1	3.8	7.6	13.2
1275	531	Chase Manh	937	−62	...	...	...
1037	587	Citicorp	618 †	− 6	...	...	...

BREWERIES

BUILDING, ROADS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
141	80	Maunders (J)	140	...	4.9	4.7	∞
308	186	McAlpine (A)	197	− 3	...	7.0	20.1
114½	37¾	McCarthy & S	67	− 2	...	2.0	...
494	358	Meyer Int	434	+ 4	16.5	5.1	21.5
17	12	Miskin Gp◆	15	...	...	...	...
356	210	Mowlem (J)	230	+ 2	...	12.2	18.1
44	12	NSM	18	− 1	0.5	3.7	...
177	112	Newman Tnks	156	− 1	9.3	7.9	14.0
304	187	Persimmon	271	− 4½	...	4.2	13.4
55	16	Phoenix Timber	21	...	0.5	3.2	...
1200	875	Pochins	1137	...	24.0	2.8	8.4
201	158	Prowting	173 †	...	5.0	3.9	35.5
46	25	Quiligotti◆	33	− 1	1.5	6.2	11.2
749	520	RMC Gp	532	−14	19.3	4.8	12.3
150	93	Raine Ind	134	− 4	6.0	6.0	12.3
76	50	Ramus◆	65	...	0.1	0.2	...
658	484	Redland	493	−14	...	6.8	14.2
79	63	Roskel◆	66	...	4.3	8.7	7.0
205	135	Rugby Group	178	− 5	6.4	4.8	13.1
62	23	Sandell◆	33	...	1.7	...	...
68	38	Swild-Rvet◆	53	...	3.0	7.5	7.6
98	79	Sharpe & Fisher	81	− 1	4.0	6.6	78.6
161	103	Sheffield Insl	127	− 2	5.4	5.7	12.1
110	61	Sheriff Hldgs◆	62	− 2	5.1	...	5.5
148	75	Shorco◆	75	− 2	5.2	9.2	7.9
215	161	Smart (J)	214 †	− 2	7.9	5.0	∞
22	15¼	Stanruin	16¼	− ¼	...	2.3	33.6
434	257	Steetley	328	+ 5	14.0	5.7	17.0
283	141	Tarmac	146	− 1	11.2	10.3	16.5
175	106	Tay Homes	166	+ 1	5.3	4.3	6.6
289	154	Taylor Woodrw	159	− 3	9.5	8.0	13.0
725	508	Tilbury Group	608	− 6	33.0	7.2	9.0
41	28	Tonex Hire◆	35	− 1	1.6	...	...
251	188	Travis Perkins	232	− 2	8.0	4.6	29.8
62	39	Try Group	53	...	6.0	15.1	5.7
33	22	Tudor◆	33	...	2.7	...	9.3
150	16	Turriff	27 #	...	4.2	20.9	...
10	3	Venture Plant◆	6½	− ½	...	...	...
123	66	Vibroplant	104	− 2	3.6	4.6	10.6
208	98	Ward Group	98	− 2	7.2	...	4.3
100	53	Ward Hldgs	55	...	2.6	6.3	11.6
428	368	Watts Blake	407	...	9.3	3.0	15.7
44	30	Wescol◆	35	...	1.5	...	3.1
190	108	Westbury	110 †	− 3	...	10.9	...
52	18	West Scaffold◆	18	− 1	...	...	...
62	6	Wiggins	13	...	...	...	...
447	335½	Wilson Bowdn	407	− 4	...	2.7	13.9
211	162	Wilson (C)	180	− 4	3.7	2.8	16.2
229	145	Wimpey G	151	− 2	10.5	9.3	23.0
78	43	YRM	71	− 4	5.0	9.4	6.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
183	120	Allied Colloids	174½	+ ½	3.5	2.7	17.7
395	301	Amersham	376	− 9	11.8	4.2	18.7
41¼	28¾	Anglo Utd	34	− 1	...	6.3	...
247	148	BTP	245	− 2	8.4	4.6	15.4
£100¼	7281	Bayer DM50	9900	...	...	4.6	...
224	129	Blagden	221	− 2	9.5	5.7	12.2
160¼	116	Brent Chems	136 †	− 5	...	7.3	15.0
128	42	Caird Gp	94	− 3	...	3.4	...
171	94	Canning (W)	168	− 1	7.2	5.8	20.2
203	146	Coats	162	− 3	11.0	...	12.8
218	165	Ellis & Everard	196	− 2	7.0	4.8	12.3
18	12	Euro Colour	13½	...	0.6	6.4	17.2
124	43	Evode	62	− 4	6.4	13.8	10.7
379	202	Halstead (J)	378	− 1	11.2	4.0	10.5
200	95	Hickson	190	− 6	8.0	5.6	18.3
9325	6793	Hoechst	8100	...	...	7.2	...
1381	845	ICI	1208	−11	55.0	6.1	21.7
607	435	Laporte	583	− 6	17.8	4.1	14.1
351	265	Leigh	265	−10	7.6	3.9	15.7
265	136	MTM	247	...	5.1	2.8	14.6
1818	1387	Norsk Hydro	1425	...	...	2.7	15.1
400	312	Paterson Zoch	390	− 3	10.4	3.6	11.9
390	308	-do- 'A'	382	− 3	10.4	3.6	11.7
236	111	Plysu	235	...	4.5	2.6	20.9
141	73	Porvair◆	141	...	3.0	2.8	13.0
386	203	Rentokil	340	−10	3.3	1.3	27.8
17	12	Sutcliffe Speak	12½	− 1	...	...	...
363	204	Wardle Storeys	363	+ 7	16.0	6.1	∞
20	12	Wentworth◆	17	− 1	0.1	0.8	...
290	215	Wolstenholme R	285	− 5	16.3	7.6	12.5
553	327	Yorks Chem	548	− 1	13.5	3.3	15.3
227	89	Yule Catto	224	...	4.7	2.8	14.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
142	20	Alan Paul◆	20 #	...	...	22.7	1.4
445	267	Alexon	419	− 3	...	3.6	8.6
126	58¾	Amber Day	125	...	2.7	2.9	∞
339	239	Argos Plc	313	− 6	6.0	2.6	20.6
106	52	Ashley (Laura)	97	− 4	...	0.1	...
338	255	Asprey◆	298	...	4.8	2.2	15.8
385	350	Austin Reed	360	− 3	9.5	3.5	57.8
150	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	− 1	5.5	5.0	12.4
195	150	Bentalls	155	− 3	3.8	3.3	32.2
226	73	Bur CP◆	219	− 3	...	1.4	24.6
119	36¼	Blacks Leis	113 †	− 2	...	3.8	10.3
340	178	Body Shop	340	+ 4	1.2	0.5	45.6
38½	5	Brown & Jackson	5½	...	1.9	...	1.3
289	183	Brown (N)	288 †	...	...	2.6	19.9
94½	30	Burton	44	− 1	2.7	8.4	...
188	113	Casuals 'A'	179	− 1	4.0	3.0	11.1
355	275	Church	313	− 2	12.5	5.3	15.3
193	99	Coats Viyella	174 †	− 5	7.0	5.4	20.2
165	109	Colourvision◆	117	− 3	5.6	6.4	10.4
336	154	Courts Furnish	334	...	5.0	2.0	13.0
220	82	Crown Eyes◆	201	− 4	3.5	2.3	11.2
32	17½	Dewhirst (IJ)	28¾	− ½	...	3.0	13.1
274	125	Dixons Grp	225	−12	5.8	3.4	19.8
520	283	Dunhill	465	−22	7.0	2.0	16.8
37	11	ERA Gp	35	− 2	...	...	15.4
800	695	Elys (Wimbldn)	780	...	16.0	2.7	5.6
248	87	Etam	230	− 2	5.8	3.4	23.8
19	9½	Fields (Mrs)◆	10 #	...	...	...	...
380	212	Fine Art Dev	373	− 4	9.8	3.5	15.7
99	60	Fired Earth Tiles	85	− 3	4.0	6.3	16.3
454	338	Forminster	453	...	11.7	3.5	9.2
67½	29	French Conn◆	33	...	2.7	10.9	42.2
87	38	Gabbicci◆	83	− 2	4.2	6.8	9.6
76	41	Gent SR	52	− 1	2.0	5.1	46.6
59	32	Goldsmiths Gp	41	− 2	3.0	9.8	7.6
2000	1350	GUS	1925 †	−50	37.5	2.6	17.1
1455	1048	-do- 'A'	1363 †	−10	37.5	3.7	12.1
32	20	Hampdn Hm◆	30	...	0.2	0.9	14.2
320	153	Harmone	310	− 9	3.2	1.4	22.9
29½	12	Helene Plc	23	− ½	2.0	12.0	6.1
35	16	Heritage◆	21	− 1	...	...	...
183	83	Hogg Robinsn	179	− 3	5.5	4.1	24.3
19	11	Hollas	13¼	− ¼	1.2	12.1	18.6
50	20	Honeysuckle◆	37	− 6	1.0	3.7	∞
136	90	Hse of Leroux	131	...	10.3	10.5	13.0
208	139	Jacques Vert	195	− 3	10.0	6.8	8.9
582	359	Kingfisher	538	−10	12.2	3.0	16.3
86	61	Leslie Wise Gp	68	+ 1	4.0	7.8	7.3
663	410	Liberty	663	+ 3	6.9	1.4	25.5
301	213½	Marks Spencer	291 †	− 3	6.7	3.1	18.8
467	294	Menzies (John)	435	− 7	9.4	2.9	15.2
135	113	Moss Bros	126 †	...	5.0	5.3	27.8
65	11½	Next	62	− 2½	0.7	...	...
126½	90	Oliver (G)	92	+ 1	...	5.6	13.8
171	101	Pentos	163	− 1	2.5	2.0	18.8
119	72	Pepe Group◆	118	...	4.0	4.5	5.5
247	135	QS Hldgs	225	− 1	4.3	2.6	19.1
191	45	Ratners Group	47	− 2	10.0	28.4	1.8
145	99	S & U Stores	140	− 2	8.0	7.6	6.5
743	330	Sherwood Gp◆	700	−10	9.1	1.7	14.6
104½	71	Sears	96	− 1	5.3	7.4	34.7
490	301	Smith WH 'A'	473	− 8	12.5	3.5	15.5
41	13	Specialeyes◆	30	− 1	...	...	24.1
126	93	Storehouse	95	− 5	5.0	7.0	35.4
235	141	T & S Stores	227	− 3	5.0	2.9	15.5
33	18	Tie Rack	27	...	...	2.5	...
166	109	Time Products	150	...	7.2	6.6	15.4
66	32	Usher (Frank)◆	62	− 1	4.0	8.6	9.4

ELECTRICALS

Losses restricted

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 11. Dealings end November 22. §Contango day November 25. Settlement day December 2. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46	25	Norbain◆	43	...	0.7	2.2	10.8
81	40	Northamber	42	− 2	2.5	7.9	...
103	62	Novo Group	95	− 4	...	1.5	...
15	10	Oceonics	12	...	...	...	16.2
279	227	Oxford Inst	230	− 7	4.1	2.4	14.8
195	128	P-E Internt'l	171	− 2	6.2	4.8	13.5
147	50	P & P	54	− 2	4.2	10.5	2.9
71	43	Pack	61 †	− 1	3.4	7.4	14.8
201	145	Pegasus◆	172	− 2	12.1	9.9	∞
8500	6300	Philips Fn 4%	8500	...	...	6.8	...
1131	587	-do- Lmp nv	1069	...	...	...	...
368	227	Pilko	325	− 2	7.7	3.2	10.1
357	194	-do- 'A' Voting	300	− 2	7.7	3.4	9.3
71	48	Plasmec◆	50	...	3.6	...	46.1
111	78	Pressac	80	− 2	2.4	4.0	12.9
98	40	Prism◆	98	+ 2	2.4	3.1	...
60	46	Racal Elect	54	− 1	3.7	9.2	5.8
58	37	Radius◆	39	...	2.7	9.2	7.9
123	45	Real Time◆	106	− 1	3.0	3.8	9.8
53	28	Rivet◆	34	− 1	...	...	19.1
290	180	Sage Gp	284	+ 1	...	3.3	15.2
90	41	Scantronic	48	− 2	2.9	8.3	16.2
135	78	Scholes Grp	117	− 1	5.0	5.7	12.7
499	238	Sema Gp	238	− 8	2.5	1.4	22.3
140	85	Sherwd Cmp◆	125	− 2	5.2	5.6	6.2
33	10	Sinrom	18	...	0.3	...	...
41	30	Soundtracks◆	37	...	2.2	7.9	15.2
21	11	Sunleigh Elect◆	12	...	...	...	...
2850	1550	TDK	2068	−12	...	1.0	17.8
8	5	TDS Circuits◆	6	...	...	...	...
33	15½	Telemetrix	31	...	0.6	2.6	13.4
828	608	THORN EMI	779	− 6	30.5	5.2	15.3
19	10	Total Systems◆	19	...	...	...	...
175	102	Tunstall	175	...	5.0	3.8	8.6
306	152	Unitech	250	− 4	11.7	6.2	33.8
59	34	Utd Scientific	34	− 3	2.0	7.8	...
18	8½	Vistec◆	14	− ½	0.2	1.9	14.9
414	251	Vodafone	368	−15	...	1.9	21.8
295	221	Volex	253	−15	17.0	9.0	13.1
27	10	Western Selectn	16½	− ½	1.0	8.1	...
40	11½	Whitefield◆	11½	− ½	...	...	...
395	283	Wholesale Ftgs	318	− 7	16.6	7.0	16.2

ELECTRICITY

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
295	212	East Midlands	243	− 4	...	6.4	7.9
271	204½	Eastern Elect	241	− 1	...	6.2	8.7
124½	101½	Hydro-Elect	104	− 1	...	5.0	13.0
295	206	London Elect	242	− 4	...	6.4	6.8
344	230¾	Manweb	296	...	...	5.8	8.4
295	206	Midlands Elec	251	− 6	...	6.2	8.1
295	213	Northern Elec	256	− 5	...	6.6	6.3
311	213	Norweb	266	− 2	...	6.2	10.1
119½	99	Scottish Power	101	− 1	...	5.1	13.3
295	204	Seeboard	255	− 8	...	6.1	7.3
366	224	Sth Wales	303	− 8	16.9	6.0	9.0
303	209	Sth Western	245½	− 4½	...	6.4	7.6
290	208½	Southern Elec	245	− 6	...	6.1	7.9
322	227	Yorkshire Elec	285	− 3	...	5.8	7.7
£2810	£1425	Package Unit	£2555	−4500	...	...	...
170	110	National Powr	146	− 2	...	5.0	8.1
179	112	PowerGen	155½	− 2½	...	4.8	8.3

FINANCE, LAND

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
337	301	Abingworth	335	− 2	4.0	1.6	70.4
40	25	Aitken Hume	35 †	+ 1	1.0	3.9	9.7
23	11	Atlantic Sec◆	11 #	...	...	...	...
54	37	BWD◆	46	...	1.7	5.1	12.5
148	90	Baltic Plc	125	...	4.1	4.4	6.1
168	118	Berkeley Govett	119	− 5	...	9.0	3.6

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1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
546	419	Shell	504	− 2	20.1	5.3	12.7
180	98	Sovereign	150	...	...	...	29.5
5	3	Target Res	3½	+ ½	...	...	...
34	13	Tondo◆	20	− 1	...	...	...
114	84	Triton Europe	103	− 1	...	1.4	19.2
358	233	Ultramar	332	− 5	10.5	4.2	24.2
197	102	Woodside	183	− 3	...	1.1	55.1
7	1¼	XCL Siraske	3¼	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
148	76	AFI	116	− 1	...	8.6	20.0
21	11	AZA Selection◆	13	...	1.0	10.3	...
292	168	Arjo Wiggins	265	−10	8.3	4.2	12.4
378	175	Abbott Mead	374	− 4	7.8	2.8	16.0

PROPERTY

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 8% 1991	8.02	10.12
Treas 3% 1992	3.08	8.01
Treas 8% 1992	8.07	10.00
Treas 10% 1992	10.02	10.33
Treas 10½% 1992	10.48	10.14
Exch 12¼% 1992	12.05	9.94
Treas 12¾% 1992	12.71	10.38
Exch 13½% 1992	13.13	9.97
Fund 6% 1993	6.30	8.88
Treas 8¼% 1993	8.39	9.73
Treas 10% 1993	9.96	9.76
Treas 12½% 1993	12.02	9.83
Treas 13¾% 1993	12.84	9.82
Treas 8½% 1994	8.71	9.74
Treas 9% 1994	9.16	9.73
Treas 10% 1994	9.94	9.75
Exch 12½% 1994	11.74	9.82
Exch 13½% 1994	12.52	9.83
Treas 14½% 1994	13.25	9.80
Gas 3% 1990-95	3.37	6.62
Exch 10¼% 1995	10.10	9.79
Treas 12% 1995	11.34	9.81
Treas 12¾% 1995	11.64	9.83

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 9% 1992-96	9.10	9.33
Conv 10% 1996	9.90	9.76
Conv 10% 1996 B	10.11	9.76
Exch 13¼% 1996	11.85	9.94
Treas 14% 1996	12.36	10.01
Treas 15¼% 1996	12.86	10.00
Treas 8¾% 1997	9.13	9.71
Exch 10½% 1997	10.22	9.81
Treas 13¼% 1997	11.72	9.96
Exch 15% 1997	12.32	10.07
Treas 6¾% 1995-98	7.64	9.21
Exch 9¾% 1998	9.77	9.80
Exch 12% 1998	10.85	9.89
Treas 15½% 1998	12.18	9.94
Treas 9½% 1999	9.56	9.62
Conv 10¼% 1999	9.98	9.79
Treas 10½% 1999	10.11	9.79
Exch 12¼% 1999	10.92	9.89
Conv 9% 2000	9.29	9.58
Treas 13% 2000	11.07	9.96
Treas 10% 2001	9.81	9.69
Treas 14% 1998-01	11.80	10.04
Treas 9¾% 2002	9.70	9.68
Treas 10% 2003	9.77	9.68
Fund 3½% 1999-04	5.74	8.64
Conv 9½% 2004	9.62	9.67
Treas 11½% 2001-04	10.47	9.90
Conv 9½% 2005	9.61	9.66
Treas 12½% 2003-05	10.45	9.72

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas 8% 2002-06	9.19	9.65
Treas 8½% 2007	9.29	9.57
Treas 11¾% 2003-07	10.34	9.71
Treas 9% 2008	9.40	9.51
Treas 13½% 2004-08	10.64	9.71
Treas 8% 2009	9.18	9.52
Conv 9% 2011	9.42	9.50
Treas 5½% 2008-12	8.54	9.45
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	9.27	9.52
Exch 12% 2013-17	9.79	9.53

UNDATED

Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Consols 2½%	9.78	...
Treas 2½%	9.88	...
Treas 3%	9.98	...
Conv 3½%	5.84	...
Consols 4%	9.82	...
War LN 3½%	9.57	...

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Stock	Int yld %	Grs red yld
Treas IL 2% 1992	2.04	8.02
Treas IL 2% 1994	2.23	3.34
Treas IL 2% 1996	3.25	3.84
Treas IL 2½% 2001	3.83	4.15
Treas IL 2½% 2003	3.92	4.20
Treas IL 2% 2006	4.01	4.24
Treas IL 2½% 2009	4.04	4.25
Treas IL 2½% 2011	4.05	4.24
Treas IL 2½% 2013	4.06	4.23
Treas IL 2½% 2016	4.06	4.22
Treas IL 2½% 2020	4.07	4.21
Treas IL 2½% 2024	4.05	4.19

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COMMENT

Racal floating out of reach

Sir Ernest Harrison emerged yesterday as a clear winner of round two in the £750 million battle for control of his company, Racal Electronics. The decision to demerge the Racal security business may be a change of heart. But it certainly means that Williams Holdings, the industrial conglomerate bidding for Racal, must dig deeper into its pockets if it expects to win the day.

Racal's share price has stubbornly remained ahead of the all share offer from Williams, worth about 47½p at today's closing prices. Today, the daylight widened, with Racal shares edging forward 1½p to 56½. Williams has the ball in its court but the next move is not entirely obvious.

A demerger of Racal's security operations, whose best known trading name is Chubb, was part of Sir Ernest's original plan for a three way split of his group announced a year ago. A demerger of Vodafone, Racal's wildly successful cellphone offshoot, has taken place but the demerger of Chubb was put on ice for the time being.

There were plenty of good omens for reviving the demerger plan. Others launched in the recent past have been well received. Though markets were more buoyant when BAT demerged Wiggins Teape Appleton and then Argos, or when Courtaulds split off its textiles businesses, handing back Chubb to Racal shareholders seems likely to prove worthwhile.

The market value of £1,000 invested in Racal share in the spring of 1988, immediately before the partial flotation of Vodafone, had doubled even before Williams launched its offer. How much will parting with Chubb add to that progress?

The base valuation for Chubb is a recent £450 million offer from an unnamed trade buyer though this is net of borrowings of about £170 million. With Chubb's new management already having identified cost savings and other benefits of about £21 million, Chubb should be on course for profits of £65 million or allowing for a modest growth in the next year, perhaps £5 million more.

Depending on how much of Racal's group debt is attributed to Chubb, the implied valuation is perhaps £550 million or £600 million. Racal shareholders are on this basis likely to expect a 65p per share takeout from Williams. But this would spell either initialdilution or the risky business of underwriting a cash alternative. Racal's prospects for survival have increased greatly.

Tender benefits

The crumbling stock market may be offsettting the sophisticated efforts of Warburg Securities to squeeze the best possible price for the government in its latest sale of BT shares. But it shows the complex international tender system, designed in the wake of the 1987 BP debacle, to good advantage. Flexibility is built into the offer in three ways. The number of shares sold can be varied by up to a quarter. The proportion taken by institutions can be varied between a third and a half and the price will, in effect, be determined by the market on the Friday before the new partly-paid shares are quoted, eliminating the risks of a lengthy fixed price offer.

The public might even think that the fall in BT removes some of the downside risk, though that will not be enough comfort if there are headlines about falling stock prices at the crucial urcial moment. Institutions may be more sanguine. The book-building exercise, in which conditional bids are built up and final bids made at the last moment, is going much faster than expected. Many institutions have designed their own form of formula pricing. They are bidding at the December 6 market price of fully paid BT shares plus a proportion of the estimated 20p interest benefit of payment by instalment..

A deal too far that may cost Maxwell's family the Mirror

The purchase of a small investment trust threatens the Maxwell empire.

Angela Mackay investigates

Legacy of debt: Robert Maxwell's family will need to keep the banks' confidence

One of Robert Maxwell's more enigmatic deals was the purchase, in July, of an obscure investment trust dealing in Japanese shares. The deal was only remarkable at the time because the offer price of £57.5 million was considered a bit too much to pay. In-depth analysis of the transaction, however, was subsumed by a tidal wave of interest in the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and nobody suspected this was the deal that more than any other would come the closest to crushing the family's empire.

Swiss Bank reminded the market of the deal this week announcing it had passed documents to the City of London police relating to a £55 million loan it made to Adviser (188), a wholly owned subsidiary of Headington Investments, a key Maxwell family company. The money was the bulk of the cash needed to purchase First Tokyo Index Trust.

On Monday, the Serious Fraud Office said it would investigate the deal and Swiss Bank said it wanted its money back because the promised collateral for the borrowing had not materialised.

Like George Walker, whose personal finances are enmeshed inextricably with Brent Walker, the company he founded, Kevin Maxwell, Robert Maxwell's successor as chairman of Maxwell Communication Corporation and most of the private companies, not only faces a personal cash crisis but the spectre of an SFO investigation that is guaranteed to spook the market. Indeed, MCC's shares have dropped to 36p, from more than 125p, 16 days ago. The family has a 68 per cent interest in MCC, most of which is secured as loan collateral.

The Maxwell family's problems partly involve its banks' preparedness to advance huge sums to private interests when public collateral is involved.

The family's 25 banks, led by NatWest, are meeting on Monday to discuss refinancing the private companies. A report is being prepared at the family's request by Bankers' Trust, the American investment bank, and Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, auditors to MCC and the Mirror Group.

But the Swiss Bank loan to buy First Tokyo is the facility that is causing the family most grief, simply because the Swiss have shown they are prepared to break ranks if its means they will win the race to recover cash.

Robert Maxwell's involvement with First Tokyo goes back to January 1989 when London and Bishopsgate International Investment Management succeeded Edinburgh Fund Managers as manager of the trust. London and Bishopsgate, which is controlled by Robert Maxwell Group, a family company, is believed to have bought a 29 per cent stake in the trust at the time.

London and Bishopsgate changed the make-up of the trust by moving the portfolio out of Japanese small company shares into leading Japanese companies that were in turn followed by an index tracking program. Moreover, the company then decided to implement a securities lending program to maximise income from the portfolio.

According to First Tokyo's 1990 annual report, directors realised early this year that "the securities lending program was being conducted with companies associated with the managers" of the trust without board approval.

The annual report also noted by April this year, the £38 million portfolio was once again "held to the order of the company" and the lending programme to the Maxwell companies had been terminated.

As far as the outgoing non-executive directors are concerned the portfolio remained wholly within First Tokyo until their resignation as directors on August 1 after Mr Maxwell's £57.5 million bid was completed.

One question investigators into the loan are trying to fathom is why Mr Maxwell wanted the portfolio in the first place. Two suggestions are that he was either making a currency play, or that he had borrowed against it.

London and Bishopsgate's role as manager could be questioned and it could have placed First Tokyo's trust status in jeopardy. Trusts of this nature are not allowed to make more than 30 per cent of revenue from non-securities trading. Considering the low yield of the Japanese market at the time of the loan, it is possible that this proscribed balance had been breached.

Swiss Bank had been promised First Tokyo's portfolio, its dividends, income due and other assets as collateral. When the collateral failed to appear by early October, Swiss Bank became concerned.

Kevin Maxwell, now on his second trip to New York since succeeding his father, has already clinched the sale of Berlitz and McMillan Computer Books, two American businesses, thus banking most of MCC's next capital repayment due October 1992. Since then, however, the more dubious side of his father's legacy, including the First Tokyo deal, has threatened to destroy the Maxwell empire.

Concern about Kevin's ability to keep all the balls in the air was initially reflected in a falling MCC share price after confirmation of Robert Maxwell's death. The pace of the fall quickened when analysts started to digest the implications of the level of family debt — estimated at £800 million — secured against shares in MCC and MGN.

The New York *Daily News*, like *The European*, which Kevin and his brother Ian have pledged to keep open, is losing money, and it is likely that the bankers will be more easily coaxed into extending the family's credit if they could be sure that their cash is not falling into black holes. Closing or selling the worst offenders will also signal to the market that the heirs are pragmatic in their approach to asset management.

The family's prize asset, and one that is actually increasing in value, is Mirror Group Newspapers, the former wholly owned subsidiary that was partially floated this year. The family has a 51 per cent stake in MGN, part of which is secured against loans from Midland Bank, but it may be that they will be forced to sell the unencumbered shares.

Kerry Packer, the Australian media magnate, is believed to be interested in taking a stake but he is unlikely to settle for less than control of the group. Cautious pundits suggest the family and Samuel Montagu, its merchant banking adviser, may consider a placement with institutions, which would realise less cash.

What the family needs now is mature business decisions. Kevin Maxwell has been in the business for ten years and has watched his father wheel and deal at his peak. On Monday, however, he needs to show he can secure the family's leaking finances for good by being the dry and penny-pinching manager that his father never was.

A better way for capital markets

Britain is moving "inevitably and rightly" towards European monetary union, but it would be ironic if the country shifted radically towards German-style corporate governance at a time when others were beginning to see the merits of the British system.

That was the assessment Sir Brian Corby, president of the Confederation of British Industry, gave experts from the City and academia gathered in St James's to deliberate on the problems of corporate governence, short-termism, dividend policy, or "is the Teutonic system better?".

Pragmatically, Sir Brian made clear that he favours the City and industry making the present British system work better, and, importantly, be perceived to work better. Fears about destructive British directors and their predatory practices evidently not shared by him. These ideas on City-industry relations came at a conference organised by the National Economic Development Office. Sir Brian, who can see the institutional investors' side, expressed the hope that participants would conclude that the better route to progress in making capital markets work for company success would an evolutionary approach.

On dividend policy, he suggested that all sides would benefit and possibly even see lower dividends, if they started from the seemingly unchallengable premise that all profits are "in the first instance, distributable". It was up to management to explain why profits were retained in a business and for what purpose. Tensions were inevitable. "You don't get rid of them, or even try to: You manage them".

Fears that Britain's penchant for the adversial, in Sir Brian's view, still holds that argument over the means often obscures the fundamental agreement on the goal. But City and industry initiatives are now coming forward on the structure and operation of company boards, the responsibilities of the institutional shareholder. But, as Sir Brian underlined, what is not needed is the intervention of "clumsy legislator".

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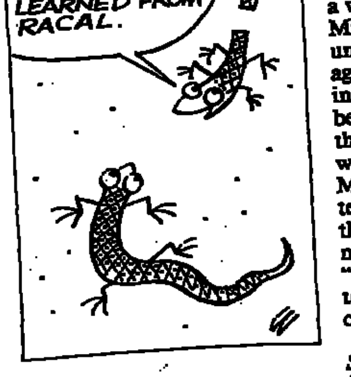
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Toast of the speakers

Sir John Harvey-Jones, former ICI chairman and star of the *Troubleshooter* television series, has a fair stock of stories up his sleeve. But he stayed out of the spotlight this week as Tony Ball, the man who launched the Mini in the Sixties, was voted business after-dinner speaker of the year, in the annual Bénédictine awards. Ball, who joined Sir John and a host of fellow celebrities at Claridges on Wednesday evening, was world sales chief for Rover and Jaguar cars during the most critical days at British Leyland. He earned his stripes helping Sir Michael Edwardes persuade car buyers to "Buy British". On one occasion, he was speaking under a large sign for BL CARS when the letter B came unstuck and fell on his head. "They fell off one by one during the speech," says Ball, who now runs his own promotional company and whose son, Michael, took the lead role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Aspects of Love*.

Aid for Croatia

FRANK Arpino, one of the City's most successful market-makers, has been watching anxiously news reports from war-torn Croatia. Arpino, who has been at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull for the past year, and is known to friends as "Frank from the Bank", has been collecting food, money and clothing to send to Croatian refugees. Ksenija, his wife, is Croatian, and the couple have managed to send two lorryloads of supplies. "The war is not going to end tomorrow, and we're prepared to do as much as we can," says


ITS A LITTLE TRICK I LEARNED FROM RACAL.

Arpino, a former Wedd Durlacher partner. His wife's cousin is captain of a Yugoslavian ferry, which is being refitted in Hamburg. Arpino hopes the ferry will pick up supplies on the way home.

Pot black

KEITH Lowe, a long-serving member of the dealing team at Lazard Brothers, has had an eventful week. Lowe, aged 49, became a grandfather on Monday, and on Wednesday won an inaugural City snooker challenge. He led a team from Lazards to victory in the Smith New Court sales trader snooker pairs challenge in Holborn, helped by Steve Lawrence. The pair beat Bob Parker and James Newson, of Henderson Administration, on the last black. Morris Freedman, of Smith New Court, who persuaded 32 teams to take part, hopes it will become a regular event.

Bateman revisited

FOOD in the City is boring and overpriced. So say Richard and Peter Harden, both former bankers, who have spent the year sampling restaurants all over London. The result is a new food guide and a warning to avoid the Square Mile if you can. "City dining is universally bad," says Peter, aged 25, who spent three years in New York with JP Morgan before returning to work on the project. Richard, aged 32, who recently left Samuel Montagu's corporate finance team after five years, once had the audacity to send back a meal at the Dorchester Grill. "It was like a Bateman cartoon," says Peter. "The staff could not believe it."

SIGN in a Manhattan jeweller's shop: "An engagement is a period of urge on the verge of a merge."

Breakfast feast

EATING is sometimes put forward as a cure for depression. So with markets the way they are, City people needed no excuse to attend the Square Mile's biggest annual Beaujolais Nouveau breakfast, hosted by Chester Boyd, the caterer. About 240 guests packed the Founders Hall, Cloth Fair, and HMS Wellington on the Embankment. The amount consumed speaks for itself: nine sides of smoked salmon, 720 eggs, 36 kiwi fruit, six boxes of Special K, five litres of jam, three gallons of cream, 14 gallons of juice, 80lb of gammon, half a gallon of yoghurt, 15lb of cheese, a kilo of caviar, 25lb of wild boar sausages, and ten cases of Beaujolais. Roger Cork, a partner of Cork Gully and son of the late Sir Kenneth Cork, was among the revellers, and Earl Grey was spotted drinking his own brand of tea.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Investors unimpressed by fast footwork on the floor

From Mr C M Brown

Sir, I have been intrigued by your various headlines over the past few days in which the statement has been made that "fast footwork by dealers restricts damage to prices" (November 20). This fast footwork has led to a setback in the 100 Share Index from 2546.6 to 2484.4 as I write on this Wednesday morning. The closing on Tuesday night was 2463.1.

I cannot accept that damage to prices has been restricted, and nor can I accept that "this sort of fast footwork is becoming the envy of traders around the world". On the other hand, I suppose your emphasis on the word "traders" is maybe appropriate, but in the case of "investors" I would suggest that the movement and volatility of the market is scarcely to be envied.

We, in the United Kingdom, seem to have devised a market place in which it is impossible to sell when there is bad news, and it is difficult to buy when there is good news.

In other words, those who wish to make sensible investment decisions are unable to do so.

Perhaps it was always the intention to devise a "trading" floor, rather than providing a vehicle for sensible investors and, if indeed that was the aim, then it has certainly been achieved.

As an investor rather than a short-term trader, I find it difficult to believe your boast that we have a system that is the envy of the world.

Yours faithfully,
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Cut out the meaningless buzz words

From Mr and Mrs W. Eddis

Sir, Mr Longworth (Business Letters, November 16) complains of "estate agentitis" and other gobbledegook in job ads. The problem goes far deeper.

The largest single problem we have in our Japanese translation business is understanding the original English used in business letters and company introductions. The strings of jargon buzz words, when analysed, often turn out to have little if any real meaning, but none the less they have to be rendered into acceptable but generally, to our regret, equally meaningless Japanese.

I was brought up to believe that the best methods of communication are the simplest. Why has modern business adopted the practice of never using one simple word when four complex ones can take its place? We should be trying to help our overseas customers understand our message, not to confuse them with language.

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Why logarithms?

From Mr Brian Lewin

Sir, I'm afraid that Dr Edwards has missed the point of logarithmic graphs. Ten pence up or down is still 10 pence, true, but a 10 pence profit on a 10 pence stock is not the same as a 10 pence profit on a £1 stock, as one represents a 100% return, the other represents a 10% return. Additionally, is a 10 pence loss on a £1 stock to be regarded as a 10% loss or a need for an 11.1% gain (loss divided by the remaining value, multiplied by 100%) to get back to where one started.

Logarithmic graphs solve these problems by representing the relative value of a move with respect to the price level, not to actual number of pence move, ie 10 pence to 20 pence would show as the same as £1 to £2: a 10 pence move from £1 would show as 10% of the first move. Additionally, they represent an improved perspective on price for technical analysts, as they can straighten out exponential price moves, allowing for easier setting of price targets, and calculation of support and resistance levels.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN P. LEWIN,
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From Mr Michael Gee

Sir, Of course Dr A. W. F. Edwards (Business letters, November 20) is right; 10p is indeed 10p but the way you look at it is *not* as irrelevant as he suggests. Ten pence up (or down) on the price of a share when it stood at 50p was very much more significant than a similar movement now that its price is £5.

I am sure that, as he sits reflecting in his armchair, Dr Edwards will agree that a logarithmic scale shows just that.

Yours faithfully,
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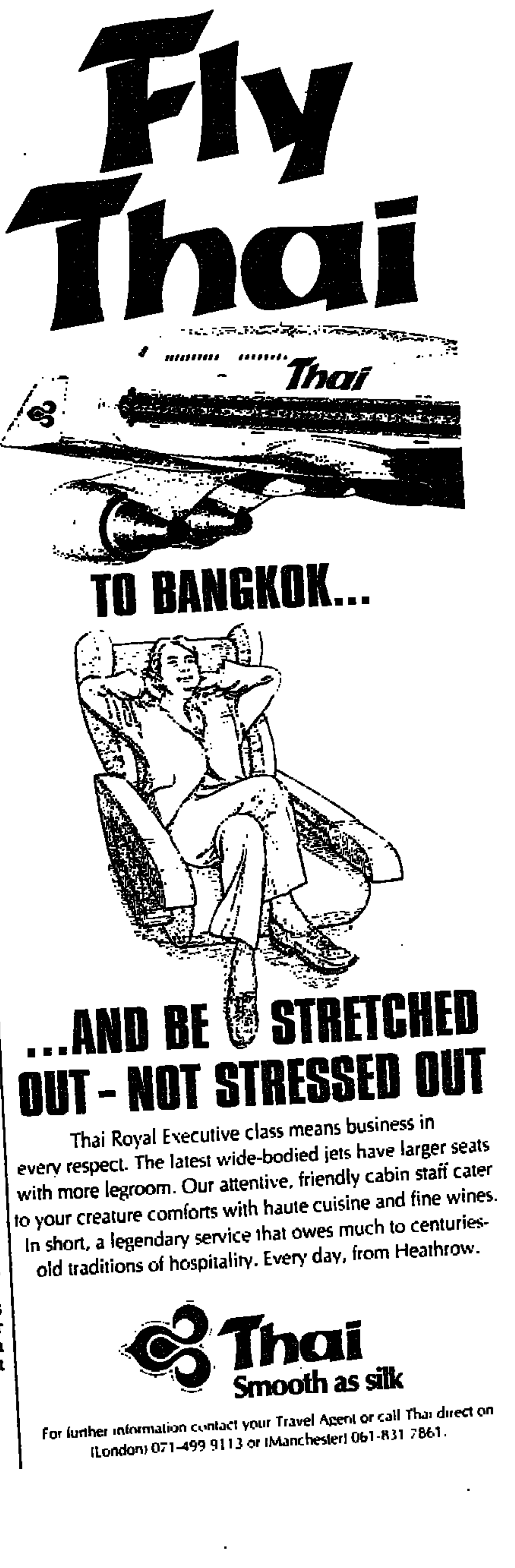
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TEMPUS

So far, so good for optimists at C&W

FOR Cable and Wireless, it is the same old story — even if, this time, it is enlivened by a fiercely denied rumour of a rights issue. The shares' premium rating still depends on a rosy view of events post-1997 in Hong Kong, and on the company's profit projections for Mercury.

The latest interim figures suggest that, at the moment, the optimists have a good case. Pre-tax profits were up from £301 million to £351 million. Hong Kong Telephone once again contributed about two thirds at the trading level, with a contribution increased from £190 million to £237 million.

Profits there were helped by a continuation of the colony's robust economic performance. The growth in exchange lines is still running at 6 per cent and in business lines at 9 per cent.

Mercury saw a rise in turnover and trading profits of about 38 per cent, disappointing some analysts. But C&W is sticking to its forecasts that the network will be cash flow positive in three years. Meanwhile, investment will be ploughed in at a rate of £500 million a year, representing half of the group's projected capital spending programme.

This half's figures saw no repetition of the currency swings that cut full-year profits £80 million last time, although benefits from a slightly lower pound were wiped out by weakness in the Jamaican dollar.

As to suggestions of a rights, Lord Young, the chairman and undisputed boss since the departure of Gordon Owen, the creator of Mercury, justifiably points out that a group whose gearing has held at 14 per cent since the financial year end despite hefty investment has little need of such. Gearing will not be allowed to grow beyond the mid-30s over the next three years.

Julien: Storehouse losses

Domestic profit growth will be held back by BT's pricing discounts and the recession, but Paul Norris, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, thinks C&W is in line for £720 million this year, up from £609 million.

The shares sell on 15 times' profits, as against little more than ten times for BT, a clear indication of the market's long-term faith in C&W. Nearer term, there seems little reason for the shares to outperform.

Storehouse

STOREHOUSE, the BhS, Mothercare and Habitat group headed by Michael Julien, sold over half a billion pounds worth of goods in the six months to October 12 and lost £17.3 million in the process.

The group has produced ever-decreasing profits for the past five years but, given its turnover, this half's loss must be a source of wonderment to shareholders — especially since there are no exceptional items.

Costs at Storehouse have been rising faster than sales for some time. The workforce has been pruned from 20,000 to 14,500 in the past three years but a 5 per cent increase in costs in the first half ate into profits.

Overall the group made a pre-tax loss of £13.9 million (£7.3 million profit) and sales fell to £573 million (£637 million). The loss per share was 2.3p compared with earnings of 1.3p and the dividend is held at 2.5p.

Of the three main businesses, only Habitat improved its position, reducing a loss of £9.7 million to £7.5 million. BhS saw profits of £9.8 million turn into a loss of £7 million and Mothercare lost £2.9 million, down from a profit of £3.6 million. Richards and Blazer made £100,000 down from £2.3 million.

The group, which has lost market share over a number of years, now has to increase sales. A 1 per cent movement on the sales line in a year makes a £5 million difference to profits. But increasing sales could well mean cutting prices which will hit profit margins.

Analysts are now looking for £10 million profits at best. That puts the shares, up 9p at 99p, on a nonsensical multiple of 61 times earnings. Profits of £28 million for the year to March 1993 would produce a multiple of 21.5, still high.

With such low profits, recovery may be inevitable but there are better retail options. Next and Burton are on lower multiples and Burton is yielding 8.6 per cent to Storehouse's 7 per cent.

STOCK MARKET

Profit downgrading pushes Asda lower

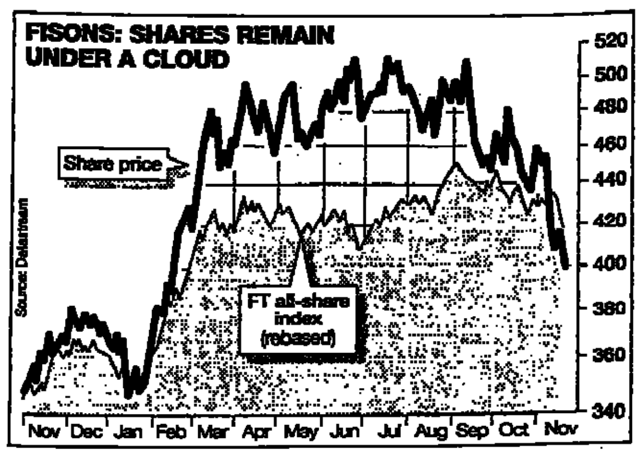
ARCHIE Norman, the chief executive of Asda, faces a herculean task in restoring the fortunes of the troubled supermarket chain. Any remaining suggestions to the contrary were scuppered as the shares touched 36p before finishing 2½p lower at 38½p — just 3½p above the rights issue price — after another big downgrading of profits.

Hoare Govett, the broker, has cut its forecast of pre-tax profits for the year to next April 30 from £126 million to £85 million. This compares with last year's £168.3 million. Patrick Gillam, Asda's newly appointed chairman, has been talking to a number of brokers, including Kleinwort Benson, Charterhouse Tilney and Goldman Sachs. There has been no sign of any improvement in sales. Further downgradings are likely.

The much-publicised food war in the high street is continuing to wreak havoc with the margins of the big supermarket chains. Their misery grew as **Kwik Save**, 1p lower at 542p, again decided to highlight a list of price cuts. Asda has already announced a price freeze until Christmas. Prices managed to close above the bottom, but falls were still seen in **Argyll**, 2p to 255p, **William Low**, 5p to 273p, **Morrison Supermarkets**, 6p to 259p, **Nurdin & Peacock**, 2p to 183p, **J Sainsbury**, 6p to 324p, and **Tesco**, 1p to 213p.

Meanwhile, the decision by the Bundesbank to peg German interest rates enabled the rest of the equity market to halve earlier falls. The FT-SE 100 index finished 9.1 lower at 2,463.5 in thin trading. Selling remained light with 534 million shares changing hands.

Wall Street opened with a small rise but dealers were worried about the prospect of further falls after last Friday's 120-point plunge. Government securities suffered losses of £½ at the longer end as fund managers braced themselves for the £1.5 billion tap stock auction.



Hawker Siddeley eased 1p to 719p. The £1.5 billion bid from **BTR**, down 4p to 377p, closes today. BTR now speaks for 32.7 per cent of Hawker and a last-minute rush by institutions to accept the bid is expected this morning.

Blacks Leisure, the sports and leisure retailer, surged another 13p to a peak of 130p after the company gave a presentation for a number of Scottish institutions. Blacks was rewarded for its efforts by the appearance of a buyer of 500,000 shares. Interim pre-tax profits rose 20 per cent.

Revived hopes of a counter-bid lifted **Ultramar** 14p to 330p. **Lasmo** has made a 1-for-1, all-share offer but has seen its price steadily lose ground. Lasmo rallied 15p to 300p.

Fisons eased 4p to 400p on talk that Smith New Court, the broker, had downgraded its profit forecasts. Smith says that it is, for the time being, keeping to its year-end prediction of £235 million, which is at the lower end of the range of City forecasts, but it gives warning that the forecast is already starting to look too high. The next few weeks will prove crucial to Fisons, which has suffered production problems, preventing it from supplying the American market with two of its drugs.

Lep, the transport and storage group, fell another 4p to 10p as the shock waves from this week's departure of the chairman continued to be felt.

Trafalgar House fell 7p to 215p. The group is now locked in a war of words with Midland & Scottish Resources about Davy Corporation and the Emerald Field rig it was building for Midland. **Midland & Scottish** tumbled 22p to 30p.

British Gas rose 4p to 255p despite reporting a half-year loss after tax. The shares are regarded one of the best income stocks in the top 100. **Storehouse** also rose 9p to 99p despite an interim loss of £13.9 million.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

Investors still nervous

New York — Blue chips suffered modest losses in morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 7 points to 2,923.01 at one stage. Investors remained nervous about holding large equity stakes, or taking on new positions, amid few signs that the economy is recovering sufficiently to lift company earnings enough to meet current price valuations.

☐ Tokyo — Shares fell for the seventh consecutive trading day, but because of a late surge ended only slightly easier. The Nikkei index was down 22.02 points, to 23,177.84. Turnover was about 270 million shares, compared with 315 million on Wednesday. *(Reuter)*

	Nov 21 midday	Nov 20 close		Nov 21 midday	Nov 20 close		Nov 21 midday	Nov 20 close
AMP Inc	51⅛	51⅛	Emerson Elec	46⅞	47	Oryx Energy Co	26⅞	26⅞
AMR Corp	59¼	59½	Enron Corp	72	72⅛	PNC Financial	43⅞	43⅞
Abbott Labs	58⅝	58	Entergy Corp	27⅞	28	PPG Industries	46⅞	47
Aetna Life	37⅛	37¼	Ethyl Corp	25⅛	25½	Paccar Inc	47⅞	47⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	14	14⅛	Exxon	58⅞	58⅞	Pacificorp	22⅞	22⅞
Air Prod & Chem	67	67⅞	FMC Corp	46⅛	46⅛	Pac Enterprises	24⅞	24⅞
Albertson's	36¼	36½	FPL Group	34⅞	34½	Pac Gas & Elec	29⅞	29½
Alcan Aluminum	20	20	Federal Express	36⅞	36⅞	Pac Telesis	40⅞	41⅛
Alco Standard	33	33	Fed Nat Mtge	57⅞	56⅞	Pall Corp	35⅞	35⅛
Allied Signal	39	39¼	First Chicago	24⅛	24⅛	Panhandle East	14⅛	14⅛
Alum Co of Am	58⅝	58¼	First Interstate	29⅞	30⅛	Paramount Comm	38⅞	39
Amax	19¼	19¼	First Union Rlty	8⅛	8½	Parker Hannifin	29⅞	29⅞
Amerada Hess	49¾	52⅛	FleetNorstar	21⅛	21⅛	Penney (JC)	50⅞	51⅞
Amer Brands	38¼	38¼	Fluor Corp	36⅞	36⅛	Pennzoil	58⅞	58⅞
Amer Cyanamid	57⅜	56⅝	Ford Motor	24⅛	24⅞	Pepsico	29⅞	28⅞
Amer El Power	30⅛	30⅛	GTE Corp	31½	31½	Pfizer	68⅞	67⅞
Amer Express	18⅛	18⅛	Gannett	35⅞	36⅛	Phelps Dodge	69⅞	70⅞
Amer Genl Corp	40	39¾	Gap Inc Del	58⅞	58⅛	Phila Elec	23⅞	23⅞
Amer Home Pr	74½	73½	Gen Cinema	18⅞	18½	Philip Morris	68⅞	67⅞
Amer Intl	83⅞	82	Gen Dynamics	48⅞	49⅛	Phillips Pet	23⅞	23⅞
Amer Stores	29⅛	29⅞	Gen Electric	66⅞	67	Pitney Bowes	57	57⅞
Amer T & T	36¼	36½	Gen Mills	66⅛	65⅞	Polaroid	25⅞	26
Ameritech	60⅞	60	Gen Motors	30⅞	30⅞	[illegible]	36⅞	36⅞
Amoco	49¼	49½	Gen Reinsurance	89⅞	90	Primerica	34⅞	34⅞
Anheuser-Busch	52⅞	52½	Gen Signal	50	49⅞	Procter & Gmbl	80⅞	80⅞
Apple Computer	51⅛	50½	Genuine Parts	42⅞	42⅞	Pub Serv E & G	27⅞	27⅞
Archer Daniels	27⅛	27	Georgia Pac	48⅛	47⅞	Quaker Oats	67⅞	67
Arkla	14	15	Gillette	42⅞	42⅞	Ralston Purina	52⅞	52⅞
Armco	4⅛	4⅜	Goodrich (BF)	39	39⅞	Raytheon Corp	31⅞	31⅞
Armstrong Wrld	29⅛	29⅛	Goodyear Tire	48⅛	48⅛	[illegible]	78⅞	71
Asarco	22⅞	23⅛	Grace (WR)	38⅞	38⅞	[illegible]	22⅞	27
Ashland Oil	29	29	Gt Atl Pac Tea	27⅞	27⅞	[illegible]	58⅞	59⅞
Atl Richfield	109½	111⅛	Great West Fin	14⅛	14⅞	[illegible]	36	35⅞
Auto Data Pro	37¼	37⅛	Halliburton	33⅞	31⅛	[illegible]	25	25
Avery Dennison	20⅝	21⅛	Heinz (HJ)	37⅞	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Products	38	38⅛	Hercules	43⅞	42⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baker Hughes	20⅛	20⅛	Hershey Foods	37⅛	37⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	32⅞	32⅞	Hewlett Packard	48⅞	47⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Banc One	43⅛	43	Hilton Hotels	39⅞	40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BankAmerica	35⅞	35⅞	Home Depot	59⅞	58⅞	[illegible]	11	10⅞
Bank of NY	30⅛	30⅛	Homestake	16⅞	15⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	61½	61⅛	Honeywell	57⅞	58⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barnett Bks Fl	30⅛	30⅝	Household Intl	44⅛	44⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	50⅝	50	Houston Inds	39⅞	39⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baxter Intl	36¼	36⅞	Humana	23⅞	23⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Becton Dickinson	60⅞	61⅞	ITT Corp	53⅞	53⅞	[illegible]	112	[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	45¼	45	Illinois Tool	61	61½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BellSouth	47	47	INCO	31⅛	31⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Black & Decker	15⅛	15⅛	Ingersoll Rand	47⅛	47⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Block (H&R)	34½	34⅛	Inland Steel	20⅞	19⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	44⅛	44⅞	Intel Corp	41⅞	41⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	23⅞	23⅝	IBM	95⅞	95⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden Inc	30⅝	30½	Intl Flav & Fr	89	89⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]	30
Bristol Myrs Sq	82⅝	81⅛	Intl Paper	69	69⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Browning Ferris	17⅛	17⅛	James River Va	19⅞	19⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	36½	36⅛	Jhnsn & Jhnsn	94⅞	94⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CBS	141½	141	K Mart	40⅞	41	[illegible]	24	24
CNA Financial	89	89⅛	Kellogg	103	103	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CPC Intl	80⅞	80⅞	Kerr-McGee	39	39⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CSX	51⅛	51½	Kimberly-Clark	97⅞	98	[illegible]	40	41
Campbell Soup	74⅝	72	Knight-Ridder	45⅞	46⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Can Pacific	16⅝	16½	Lilly (Eli)	74	75	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cpd Cities ABC	398⅛	400	Limited Inc	26	25⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cpd Holdings	50⅞	49¼	LIN Broadcasting	65	65	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Carolina Pwr	48⅞	48⅞	Lincoln Nat	52⅞	52⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	41⅛	41⅞	Litton	87	87	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central & SW	51⅛	50⅞	Liz Claiborne	36⅞	36⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Champion Intl	24⅛	24½	Lockheed Corp	42⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat	16⅞	17	Louisiana Pac	38⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chemical Bk	23	22⅞	MCI Comm	28	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chevron Corp	69⅛	68⅞	Manuf Hanover	25⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	11⅛	11½	Marriott	16⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chubb Corp	65	65⅞	Marsh & McLen	70⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cigna Corp	52⅞	52⅛	Martin Marietta	58	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	10⅞	10½	Masco Corp	21⅞	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clorox	37⅞	37⅞	May Dept St	52⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coastal Corp	27⅛	29⅞	Maytag Corp	13⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	68⅞	66⅛	McDonalds	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate Palm	40⅛	40⅛	McDonnell D	[illegible]	77⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	18⅞	18⅞	McGraw Hill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Commonw Ed	40⅛	40⅞	Mead Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Compaq Comp	25	25⅞	Medtronic	75⅞	74⅞	UAL Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comp Ass Intl	9⅞	9⅞	Mellon Bk	34⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	53⅞
Conagra	44⅛	44⅞	Melville Corp	41	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	27⅞
Cons Edison	25⅛	24⅞	Merck Inc	140⅞	143	[illegible]	[illegible]	92⅞
Cons Nat Gas	42⅞	42	Merrill Lynch	53⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	47⅞
Cons Rail	73⅞	73	Minnesota Mine	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	38⅞
Cooper Inds	49⅞	50⅛	Mobil Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	46
Corning Inc	73⅛	73⅞	Monsanto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4
Crown Cork	86⅞	86⅛	Morgan (JP)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9⅞
Dana Corp	27⅞	26⅛	Motorola Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6⅞
Dayton Hudson	59⅞	59⅞	Nat Medical	13⅞	13⅞	[illegible]	[illegible]	44⅞
Deere	49⅞	49⅞	Nat Semi	[illegible]	[illegible]	US West	[illegible]	34⅞
Delta Air Lines	58⅞	58⅞	Nat Service Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	48⅞
Deluxe Corp	37⅞	37⅞	Navistar Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit Edison	33⅞	33⅞	NBD Bancorp	47⅞	42	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Digital Equip	60⅛	60⅞	NCNB Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dillard Dept St	122½	123	NY Times A	[illegible]	[illegible]	VF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney (Walt)	107⅛	107½	Newmont Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wal-Mart Stores	[illegible]	47⅞
Dominion Res	56⅛	58⅞	Niag Mohawk	[illegible]	[illegible]	Warner Lambert	[illegible]	70⅞
Donnelley (RR)	47	47⅞	Nike B	[illegible]	57	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dover Corp	35⅞	35⅞	NL Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chemicals	50⅞	51	Nordstrom	[illegible]	[illegible]	Westinghouse El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Jones	23⅛	23½	Norfolk Sthn	[illegible]	58	Weyerhaeuser	24	[illegible]
Dresser	19⅞	19⅞	Nthn States Pwr	43	43	Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	31	30⅞	Norwest Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Whitman	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dun & Bradstreet	47½	47⅞	Nynex Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	44⅛	45⅛	Occidental Pet	[illegible]	20	Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	46⅛	46½	Ohio Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wrigley (Wm) Jr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp	57	55⅞	Oracle Systems	15	14⅞	Xerox	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

RISES:	
Gestetner	138p (+10p)
Allied-Lyons	681p (+9p)
Grand Met	836p (+9p)
Morland	380p (+27p)
SA Breweries	1110p (+100p)
Hogg Robinson	189p (+10p)
Cable Wireless	527p (+14p)
Chemring	640p (+10p)
Dana	1487p (+12p)
Glaxo	778p (-25p)
TDK	2018p (-9p)
ADT	388p (-9p)
Hoechst	7925p (-25p)
Argos	332p (-8p)
GUS	1898p (-20p)
WH Smith 'A'	462p (-12p)
Micro Focus	1522p (-160p)
A Cohen	498p (-13p)
BOC	578p (-8p)
FALLS:	
London Intl	286p (-17p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Baillie Gifford Japan Warrants	120	−10
Bute Mining Warrants	2½	...
Capital Ventures 1p	83	...
Culver 1p (4)	4½	...
Drayton Recovery Trust (100)	95	...
Dumas Group 10p (25)	26	...
English & Scottish Warrants	17	...
Eurotunnel SA 1991 Warrants	215	+2
Fidelity Euro Values Uts (500)	474	...
Frost Group (235)	275	+2
JIB Group 10p (195)	204	−3
Latin American Extra Yld (587)	564	...
M & G Income Inv Cap 1p (28)	18½	−¼
M & G Income Inv Geared Units	62	−½
M & G Income Inv Inc 1p (44)	44	...
M & G Inc Inv Package Uts (100)	97	−½
Morgan Grenfell Equity Ut (500)	502	−2
Simpsons of Cornhill 5p (50)	44	...
Wills Group Warrants	2½	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Anglo Eastern Plant N/P (33)	5	...
Brent Chemicals 10p N/P (120)	15	−1
De La Rue N/P (350)	95	−1
Euro Motor 40p N/P (100)	13	−½
Lowe (Robert H.) 1p N/P (10)	1	...
Molynx 20p N/P (88)	4	...
More O'Ferrall 10p N/P (215)	37	...
PCT Group 10p N/P (125)	10	...
SelecTV 1p N/P (17)	2	...
Sims Food 5p N/P (282)	31	+1

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Compagnie Financière Richemont AG, Zug, Switzerland

Interim report for the six months ended September 30, 1991

The Board of Directors of Compagnie Financière Richemont AG is pleased to report the consolidated results of the Group for the six months ended September 30, 1991.

	Sept. 30 1991 £ m	Sept. 30 1990 £ m	March 31 1991 £ m
Net sales revenue	**1 508.7**	1 462.8	2 988.3
Profit before taxation	**285.5**	267.2	596.1
Net profit attributable to unitholders before extraordinary item	**87.1**	75.8	177.3
Net profit attributable to unitholders	**120.8**	75.8	177.3
Unitholders' funds	**1 196.2**	990.0	1 141.0
Earnings per unit	**£ 151.70**	£ 132.00	£ 308.70

The results for the period have been achieved against a background of difficult trading conditions resulting from the depressed economic climate. Nevertheless, consolidated operating profit increased by 4.7% from £ 249.4 million to £ 261.2 million. Net profit attributable to unitholders – before the extraordinary gain resulting from the sale of the Group's investment in TransAtlantic Holdings PLC – increased by 14.9% to £ 87.1 million.

Richemont operates in the fields of tobacco products and luxury goods. Richemont's tobacco interests are held through Rothmans International p.l.c., whose group operating companies produce a wide range of cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobaccos. Its investments in the luxury goods industry are held through its controlling interests in Cartier Monde SA, including Cartier, Piaget and Baume & Mercier, and Dunhill Holdings PLC, which includes Alfred Dunhill, Montblanc and Chloé.

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Kvaerner saves dockyard

From DOMINIC SEARLE
IN GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR'S tradition of ship repairing, dating from before the Battle of Trafalgar, will continue after a deal between the Gibraltar government and Kvaerner, the Norwegian shipping group.

Gib Repair dockyard, a significant sector of the rock's economy, had dismissed its staff and paid out almost £6 million in redundancy payments since a previous attempt by Kvaerner to take over the yard last March foundered on negotiations with the Transport and General Workers Union.

Gib Repair, a Royal Naval dockyard before commercialisation in 1984, has lost more than £26 million in the past five years.

The new deal is based on a sale of the yard's assets and its lease to Kvaerner, free of rent for the first three years. Kvaerner plans to re-employ 160 staff, compared with the 800 jobs projected when the yard was first commercialised.

Kvaerner, which expects to take in ships from March, sees Gibraltar as ideally placed and will spend some £5 million initially on capital investment.

Negotiators recalled to inject urgency into stalled trade talks

Chambers seek Gatt progress

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESSMEN and industrialists across Europe have stepped up the pressure for immediate concessions at the world trade talks, with a joint call to the European Community, America and Japan to break the deadlock.

The appeal from Eurochambres, the association representing 800 chambers of commerce and industry in the Community, its associates and the European Free Trade Association, coincided with the latest move by Arthur Dunkel, director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, to inject fresh urgency into resolving the key issue of farm supports at the Uruguay round negotiations. Recent signs of movement in the transatlantic stalemate over agricultural subsidies, after five year's of rowing, have aroused hopes for early progress.

Leaders at the London economic summit in July agreed that a successful conclusion of the Gatt round of freer world trade was the top economic priority. Having seen the talks stall last December, just short of the initial end-1990 deadline, the leaders called for agreement to be reached by the end of this year, five years after they were initiated at Punta del Este in Uruguay.

Miles Middleton, president of the British Chambers of Commerce, commenting of the Eurochambres appeal, said: "If they fail to reach an agreement at Gatt, world leaders are shirking their responsibility for future prosperity." He said business could not support these entrenched negotiating positions from people we assume to be proponents of the free market.

Eurochambres said the Gatt system of multilateral trade relations has become a pillar of world economic growth that was also vital to the success of the single European market and the reform process in the economies of the former Soviet bloc. It said key negotiators must now direct all their efforts at saving the Uruguay Round and preventing the total collapse of the international trading system in goods and services.

"World leaders seem to have paid lip service to the negotiating process. The time has now come for them to prove that there is a genuine political desire for positive results by relaxing the mandates of the negotiators," the Eurochambres statement said. It called on the European Community, America and Japan to be the first to make concessions in areas such as agriculture, services and intellectual property. The lobby group gave warning that the damage to the world economy of a failure to achieve early concessions would be much larger than that inflicted on individual sectors of commerce and industry by loss of protection.

Mr Dunkel has recalled the chief negotiators for Brussels and Washington to the Gatt headquarters in Geneva to build on the narrowing differences over farm subsidies. Other important players have also been brought into the discussions. President Bush, keen to ensure a sound world background to American recovery, intervened to revive the trade round by offering important concessions on farm subsidies at a meeting on November 9 with Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, and Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister.

Hopes raised: Arthur Dunkel, director general of Gatt

Rising premiums boost Lowndes profits by 40%

By NEIL BENNETT

RISING premiums in the London insurance market helped Lowndes Lambert, the insurance broker that came to the stockmarket last July, to increase pre-tax profits 40 per cent to £4.01 million in the half-year to end-September.

The results are confirmation that insurance rates are rising sharply in parts of the London market and that that is benefiting medium-sized brokers. The largest brokers, Sedgwick and Willis Corroon, by contrast, continue to suffer from poor rates on American insurance.

Lowndes was also helped by first-time contributions from two acquisitions, Midland Bank Insurance Brokers and HJ Symons. The group's turnover rose £2.5 million to £23.6 million, of which £1.1 million came from the new companies. Lowndes is paying a maiden dividend of 4.2p.

Richard Shaw, chief executive, said he expected continuing buoyancy when the January renewal season gets under way. "If we can get our business placed, there are significant rate increases being charged and held," he said. Risks were becoming more difficult to place, however, because of a fall in capacity on most Lloyd's syndicates after the mass resignations of members.

Most of Lowndes's businesses in Britain and overseas contributed to the growth. The one main exception was Australia, where brokerage income slipped 11 per cent to £3.42 million because of recession.

Mr Shaw said Lowndes was keen to expand Chandler Lambert, its financial services arm, and its marine broking business. The company also wants to extend its European broking businesses, which already include a 45 per cent stake in La Sécurité Nouvelle, one of France's biggest brokers.

Roy Watts, the chairman of Thames Water, is to step down as Lowndes's chairman at the end of March. He took over as head of the company four years ago after it was bought out by its management from Hill Samuel. He will be succeeded by Mr Shaw.

Times Law Report
November 22 1991

Revenue can block share option change

Inland Revenue Commissioners v Eurocopy plc

Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies

[Judgment November 18]

The Inland Revenue was justified in refusing to approve an amendment to an employees' share option scheme that sought to reduce the period of time when an option could be exercised.

Paragraph 29 of Schedule 9 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 required the price at which the shares could be acquired "at the time the right is obtained" to be stated and any alteration in the period would give to a grantee a new or different right and would result in the paragraph 29 requirement being unfulfilled.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from the determination of a special commissioner that had found the Revenue's refusal to approve the alteration sought by the company, Eurocopy plc, unjustified.

A share option scheme giving tax relief for the company's employees was approved by the Revenue in 1987 pursuant to section 38 of the Finance Act 1984. It was provided that an option be exerciseable after the expiry of nine years.

With a view to becoming a public limited company the company sought to amend the scheme by reducing the option period from nine to six years and, as required by paragraph 4 of Schedule 9 to the 1988 Act, applied to the Board of Inland Revenue for approval.

Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Nicholas Warren for the Crown; Mr John MacDonald, QC and Mr Leigh Sagar for the company.

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DAVIES said that the relevant provisions for approved option schemes were in sections 185 and 187 of the 1988 Act read together with Schedule 9.

Mr Moses contended that paragraph 29 of Schedule 9 required that the price at which shares might be acquired in exercise of an option be stated "at the time when the right is obtained". And the right, he said, that an employee would acquire under the original scheme was not the same right that he would acquire if the proposed amendment was approved.

Clearly tax relief in respect of shares acquired under an approved scheme was made dependent on certain requirements as to price and as to the time when the shares might be taken up. The "right to acquire" spoken of in section 185 could not be regarded as being independent of any notion of time.

For tax relief it had to be regarded as a right to be exercised within certain time limits. If that were so, it followed that an alteration in the time limits affecting a right to acquire was an alteration of the right.

Put more simply, the 1988 Act contemplated a right to acquire as a right to acquire a specified number of shares, at a specified price within a specified time span. If the time span was altered the right was altered.

It followed that a right to acquire under the original scheme obtained in 1987 would not be the same right as an employee would obtain if effect was given to the proposed amendment, that is, that he could buy in 1993 instead of having to wait until 1996.

The commissioner, who had not had the Crown's paragraph 29 submission put to him, erred in approving the alteration in the scheme.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Simpson Curtis.

No reason why jury cannot hear tape of evidence

Regina v Riaz
Regina v Burke

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Owen

[Judgment November 18]

A tape recording of a police interview with a defendant was primary evidence, which when produced at trial became an exhibit and if the jury wished to hear it rather than to rely on the written transcript there was no reason why they should not be allowed to do so. Their Lordships were of the opinion that the jury should be brought back for the tape to be heard in open court.

The Court of Appeal so stated when considering two cases which raised the question whether a jury, after retirement, should be allowed to hear tape recordings of police interviews with defendants, which tapes had not been played in court, although transcripts had been agreed and read. Their Lordships said that they agreed with and adopted what had been said in *R v Emmerson* (*The Times* December 5, 1990) except on the question of whether there was any advantage in reassembing the court to enable the jury to hear the tape in open court.

The court dismissed the appeal of Raqaiya Riaz against her conviction by a majority of ten to two, on January 4, 1991 at Newport Crown Court (Judge Gibbon, QC and a jury) of obtaining property by deception, on which she was ordered to pay £28.99 compensation and £500 prosecution costs.

Their Lordships, applying the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, also dismissed the appeal of Martin Burke against his conviction on July 5, 1991 at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Mr Recorder J. G. Paulusz and a jury) of robbery, on which he was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Miss M. Parry Evans, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Riaz; Mr Stephen Hopkins for the Crown.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC, who did not appear below, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Burke; Miss Heather Norton for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that in *Emmerson* the tape had been played in court, which had not happened in the cases under consideration, and so strictly speaking what was said there was *obiter* in relation to a tape that had not previously been heard by the jury.

In the end it was a matter for the discretion of the judge, but their Lordships considered that it would be a better practice for the judge in his discretion to order the re-assembling of the court for the jury, if he permitted it, to hear whatever they wished to hear in open court.

Solicitors: CPS, HQ; CPS, Inner London.

British Gas Interim Results
Six Months to 30 September 1991.

British Gas has published its interim report for the six months ended 30 September 1991.

In the report, British Gas Chairman and Chief Executive Robert Evans CBE writes:

"I am pleased to announce the interim results of British Gas for the six months ended 30 September 1991.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 4.25 pence per share, an increase of 13% over the corresponding period last year.

In addition the Board expects, in February 1992, at the time of the announcement of the Company's results for the nine months to December 1991, to recommend a special final dividend of 6 pence per share, reflecting the change in accounting reference date to 31 December.

Demand for gas in the first half of the financial year, based on a 31 March year end, accounts for only about one-third of total annual sales so that the results for the period are not indicative of those for the year as a whole. On a CCA basis, the figures for the first half showed a larger loss after taxation at £136 million, compared with £93 million for the corresponding period last year. The principal factors which contributed to this result included:-

* an improved performance from the UK gas supply business. Colder weather and the addition of 90,000 new customers generated growth in the tariff market, which offset a decline in demand for contract gas caused by the recession and increasing competition.

* a reduced profit contribution from Exploration and Production as a result of lower production from South Morecambe and the Brae fields. South Morecambe is used to meet peak demand in winter and has been undergoing major engineering modifications to increase output; Brae was shut down for part of the period for planned maintenance.

* results from Consumers Gas (Canada) for the first time at the interim stage, where financing costs outweighed the operating contribution of this subsidiary during the summer months.

The Group's results have been most satisfactory given the general recessionary environment which has affected sales to industry and our appliance trading and maintenance operations. The underlying strength in the business has enabled the Company to maintain its progressive dividend policy. The recent Office of Fair Trading (OFT) review has suggested recommendations which would impact on both the tariff and contract markets. The Company has entered into discussions with the OFT with a view to agreeing undertakings consistent with our statutory duties to customers and our responsibility to shareholders."

The interim dividend of 4.25 pence net per ordinary share will be paid on 25 March 1992 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 14 February 1992.

Copies of the interim report are available from: British Gas plc, Shareholders Enquiry Office, 100 Rochester Row, London SW1P 1JP. Tel: 071 834 2000.

BRITISH GAS plc UNAUDITED RESULTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1991
Extracts from Group Profit and Loss Account

	Six months ended 30 Sept 1991 £M	30 Sept 1990 £M (as restated)
Turnover	3,530	2,955
Current cost operating loss	(52)	(44)
Net interest and gearing adjustment	(101)	(37)
Current cost loss before taxation	(153)	(81)
Taxation	17	(12)
Current cost loss after taxation	(136)	(93)
Minority shareholders' interest	-	-
Loss attributable to British Gas shareholders	(136)	(93)
Loss per ordinary share	(3.2p)	(2.2p)
Interim Dividend	£181M	£160M
Interim Dividend per ordinary share	4.25p	3.75p

1. The unaudited interim accounts for six months ended 30 September 1991 have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies as set out in the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1991.
2. On an historical cost basis the loss before taxation for the six months ended 30 September 1991 was £49 million compared with a profit of £36 million for the corresponding period last year
3. Taxation for the six months ended 30 September 1991 has been provided on the basis of the estimated effective tax rate for the nine months ended 31 December 1991

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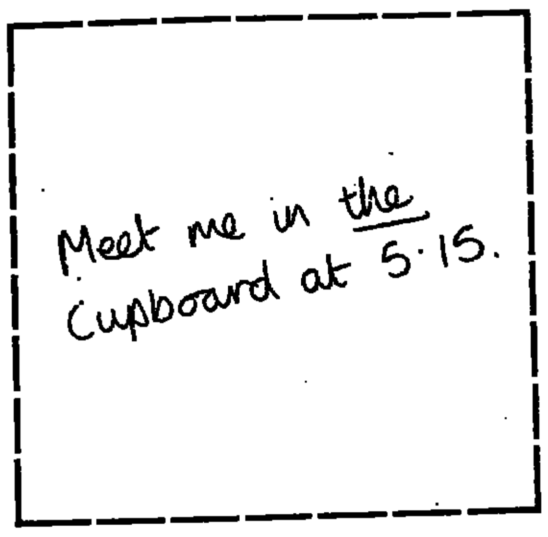
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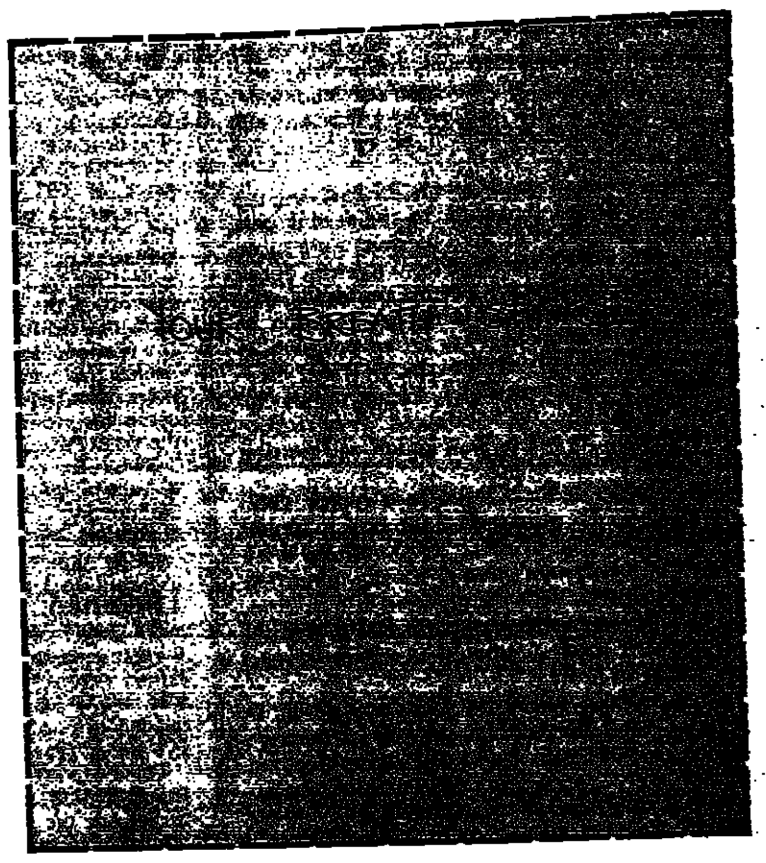

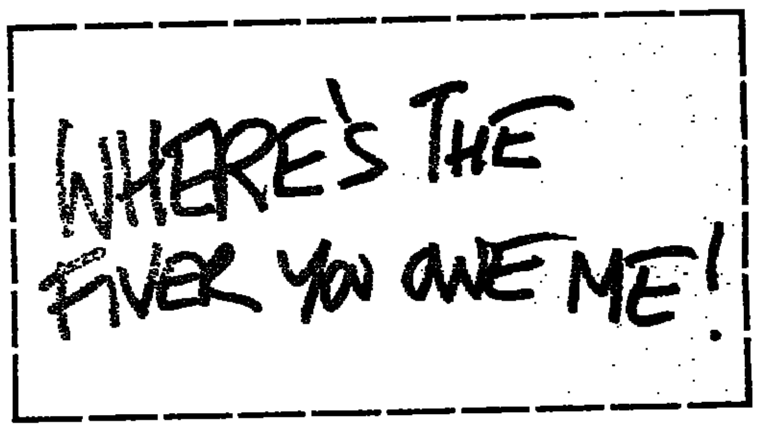
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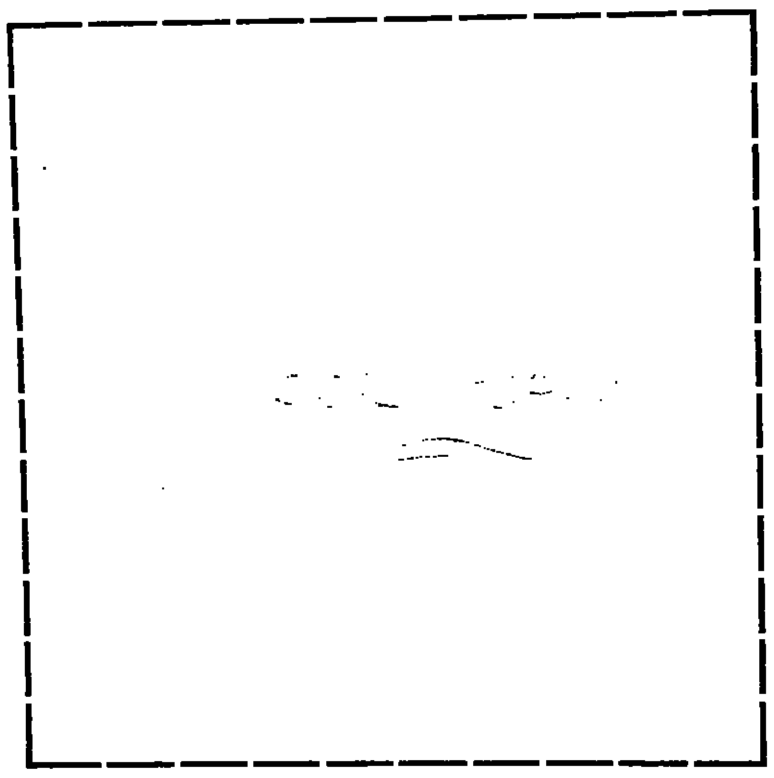

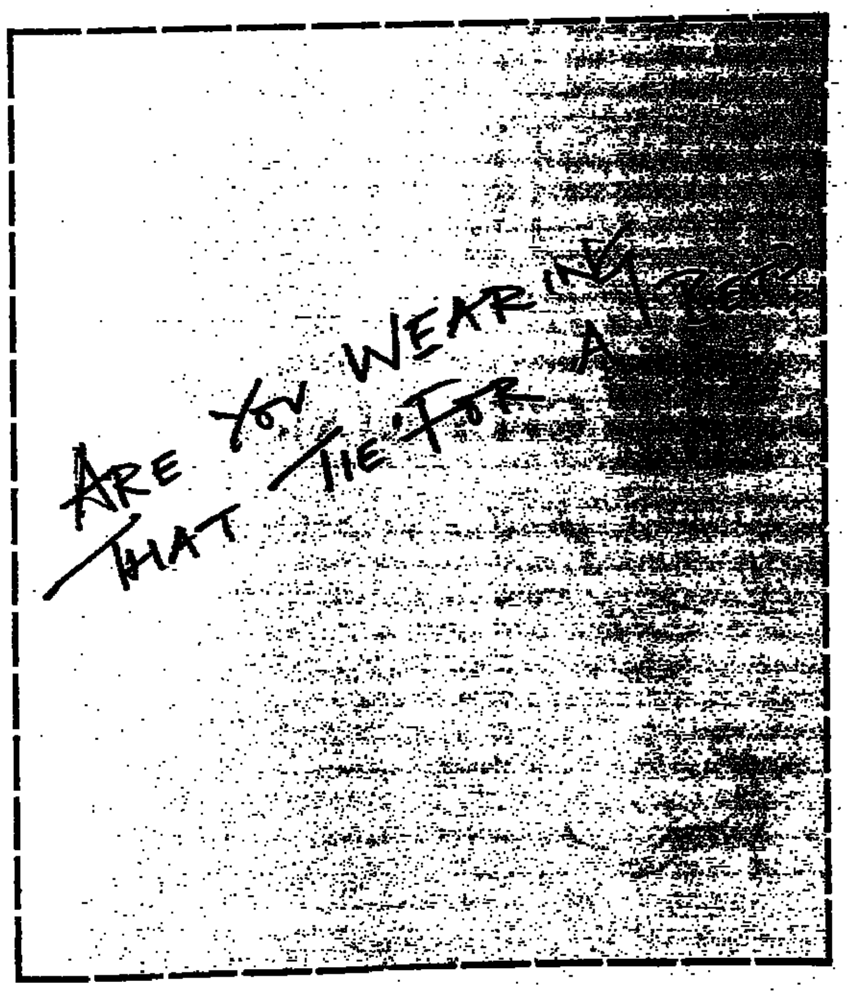

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1	Assoc Fisheries	Foods	
2	TSB	Banks,Disc	
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4	Park Foods	Foods	
5	Nu-Swift	Industrial	
6	Conroy Pet	Oils, Gas	
7	Cowan De Grt	Industrial	
8	RMC Gp	Building,Rds	
9	Costain	Building,Rds	
10	Fullr Sm'A'	Breweries	
11	Dalgety	Foods	
12	BAA	Transport	
13	Courtaulds	Industrial	
14	Caplin Group	Industrial	
15	Taylor Woodrw	Building,Rds	
16	Logica	Electrical	
17	Steetley	Building,Rds	
18	High-Point	Industrial	
19	Trans World	Leisure	
20	Br Land	Property	
21	Heywd Willm	Building,Rds	
22	Woodside	Oils, Gas	
23	Photo-Me	Industrial	
24	Greycoat	Property	
25	Mountview	Property	
26	Harrisn Crsfld	Industrial	
27	Exp Co Louis	Oils, Gas	
28	Eurocamp	Leisure	
29	Westpac	Banks,Disc	
30	Honda Motor	Motors,Air	
31	Owners Abrd	Leisure	
32	Northumbrian	Water	
33	Sims Food	Foods	
34	Attwoods	Building,Rds	
35	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Disc	
36	Booker	Foods	
37	Wood (Arthur)	Industrial	
38	Invrgordn Dist	Breweries	
39	Arjo Wiggins	Paper,Print	
40	Renters	Industrial	
41	Cosalt	Industrial	
42	Flogas	Industrial	
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Two readers shared the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. Mrs Pamela Wright, of Worcester and Mr Alan Clegg, of Guildford, each received £1,000.

Supermarkets fall

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 11. Dealings end today. §Contango day November 25. Settlement day December 2. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
494	358	Meyer Int	433	...	16.5	5.1	21.4
17	12	Miklin Gp♦	15	...	...	...	...
356	210	Mowlem (J)	227	-1	...	12.3	13.9
44	12	NSM	17	...	0.5	3.9	...
177	112	Newman Tnks	157	+1	9.3	7.9	14.1
304	187	Persimmon	267	...	...	4.3	13.2
55	16	Phoenix Timber	21	...	0.5	3.2	...
1200	875	Pochins	1150	...	24.0	2.8	8.5
201	158	Prowting	171 †	...	5.0	3.9	35.1
46	25	Quiligotti♦	31	-2	1.5	6.6	10.6
749	512	RMC Gp	520	+7	19.3	4.9	12.1
150	93	Raine Ind	133	...	6.0	6.0	12.2
76	30	Ransom♦	65	...	0.1	0.2	...
658	468	Redland	472	+2	...	7.1	13.6
79	63	Rudet♦	66	...	4.3	8.7	7.0
205	135	Rugby Group	172	+1	6.4	5.0	12.7
62	23	Sandell♦	33	...	1.7	...	...
68	38	Smith-Rees♦	51	-2	3.0	7.8	7.3
98	79	Sharpe & Fisher	81	...	4.0	6.6	78.6
161	103	Sheffield Ind	126	...	5.4	5.7	12.0
110	61	Sheriff Hldgs♦	62	...	5.1	...	5.5
148	75	Storm♦	75	...	5.2	9.2	7.9
215	161	Smart (J)	215 †	...	7.9	4.9	7.4
22	15¼	Stanzin	16¼	...	...	2.4	34.1
424	257	Steetley	285	+5	14.0	6.5	14.7
283	138	Tarmac	142	+2	11.2	10.6	16.0
175	106	Tay Homes	166	...	5.3	4.3	6.6
289	151	Taylor Woodrw	155	+4	9.5	8.2	14.6
725	508	Tilbury Dougls	607	...	33.0	7.2	9.0
41	28	Tones Hmn♦	35	...	1.6	...	...
251	188	Travis Perkins	224	-2	8.0	4.8	28.8
62	39	Try Group	53	...	6.0	15.1	5.7
33	22	Tudor♦	33	...	2.7	...	9.3
150	16	Turriff	27 #	...	4.2	20.9	...
10	3	Venture Plant♦	6¼	...	...	...	...
123	66	Vibroplant	104	...	3.6	4.6	10.6
208	98	Ward Group	99	-1	7.2	...	4.4
100	53	Ward Hldgs	55	...	2.6	6.3	11.6
428	368	Watts Blake	407	...	9.3	3.0	15.7
44	30	Westcol♦	35	...	1.5	...	5.1
190	108	Westbury	111 †	+1	...	10.8	...
52	18	West Scotfield♦	18	...	...	...	...
62	6	Wiggins	11	...	...	...	...
447	335½	Wilson Bowden	405	-1	...	2.7	13.9
211	162	Wilson (C)	178	...	3.7	2.8	16.0
229	145	Wimpey G	151	...	10.5	9.3	23.0
78	43	YRM	69	-2	5.0	9.7	6.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
183	120	Allied Colloids	171	-2	3.5	2.7	17.3
395	301	Amersham	378	...	11.8	4.2	18.8
41¼	28¼	Anglo Utd	33½	+½	...	6.4	...
247	148	BTP	242	...	8.4	4.6	15.2
£100¼	7281	Bayer DM50	9775	...	...	4.7	...
224	129	Blagden	219	...	9.5	5.8	12.1
160¼	116	Brent Chems	135 †	-1	...	7.3	14.9
128	42	Cald Gp	93	...	...	3.4	...
171	94	Canning (W)	165	...	7.2	5.9	19.8
203	146	Croda	159	...	11.0	...	12.6
218	165	Ellis & Everard	198	...	7.0	4.7	12.4
18	12	Enso Colour	13	...	0.6	6.7	16.6
124	43	Evode	64	+1	6.4	13.4	11.0
380	202	Halstead (J)	380	+2	11.2	3.9	10.5
200	95	Hickson	189	-1	8.0	5.6	18.2
9325	6793	Hoechst	7925	-25	...	7.3	...
1381	845	ICI	1201	-8	65.0	6.4	21.6
607	435	Laporte	583	-1	17.8	4.1	14.1
351	260	Leigh	260	...	7.6	4.0	15.4
265	136	MTM	249	...	5.1	2.7	14.7
1818	1287	Norsk Hydro	1287	...	...	2.9	13.7
400	312	Paterson Zoch	390	...	10.4	3.6	11.9
390	308	-do- 'A'	382	...	10.4	3.6	11.7
242	111	Plysu	242	+3	4.5	2.5	21.5
143	73	Porvair♦	143	...	3.0	2.8	13.2
386	203	Rentokil	338	+4	3.3	1.3	27.7
17	12	Sutcliffe Speak	12½	...	...	...	...
364	204	Wardle Storeys	359	-1	16.0	6.1	16.1
20	12	Westcombe♦	17	...	0.1	0.8	...
290	215	Wolstenholme R	285	...	10.3	7.6	12.5
553	327	Yorks Chem	547	...	13.5	3.3	15.2
227	89	Yule Catto	223	...	4.7	2.8	14.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
142	20	Alan Paine♦	20 #	...	...	22.7	1.4
445	267	Alexon	413	-6	...	5.7	8.5
129	58½	Amber Day	120	+3	2.7	2.8	∞
339	239	Argos Plc	302	-9	6.0	2.6	19.9
106	52	Ashley (Laura)	98	...	0.1	0.1	...
338	255	Aspreys♦	295	...	4.8	2.2	15.6
385	350	Austin Reed	360	...	9.5	3.5	57.8
150	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	5.5	5.0	12.4
195	150	Bentalls	153	-2	3.8	3.4	31.8
226	73	Bur CP♦	216	...	...	1.4	24.3
130	36½	Blacks Leis	130 †	+13	...	3.3	11.9
350	178	Body Shop	348	+3	1.2	0.5	46.7
38½	5	Brown & Jackson	5½	...	1.9	...	1.3
289	183	Brown (N)	289 †	+1	...	2.6	19.9
94¼	30	Burton	42½	-1½	2.7	8.7	...
188	113	Cannon 'A'	178	...	4.0	3.0	11.0
355	275	Church	313	...	12.5	5.3	15.3
193	99	Coats Viyella	176 †	...	7.0	5.3	20.4
165	109	Colourvision♦	117	...	5.6	6.4	10.4
336	154	Courts Furnish	334	...	5.0	2.0	13.0
220	82	Crown Eyes♦	207	-2	3.5	2.3	11.5
32	17¼	Dewhirst (I)	28½	...	...	3.0	13.0
274	125	Dixons Grp	225	-3	5.8	3.4	19.8
520	283	Dunhill	450	...	7.0	2.1	16.2
37	11	ERA Gp	35	+1	...	...	15.4
800	695	Elys (Wimbldn)	780	...	16.0	2.7	5.6
248	87	Etam	231	...	5.8	3.4	23.9
19	9¼	Fields (Mrtn)♦	10 #	...	...	...	...
380	212	Fine Art Dev	366	-3	9.8	3.6	15.4
95	60	Fired Earth Tiles	85	...	4.0	6.3	16.3
454	338	Forminster	453	...	11.7	3.5	9.2
67½	27	French Conn♦	27	-3	2.7	13.3	34.6
87	38	Gabicci♦	83	...	4.2	6.8	9.6
76	41	Gent SR	37	...	2.0	5.1	46.6
59	32	Goldsmiths Gp	37	...	3.0	11.3	6.6
2000	1350	GUS	1898 †	-20	37.5	2.6	16.8
1435	1048	-do- 'A'	1333 †	-25	37.5	3.8	11.8
32	20	Hampdn Hms♦	30	...	0.2	0.9	14.2
320	153	Hartstone	303	...	3.2	1.4	22.4
29½	12	Helene Plc	23	...	2.0	12.0	6.1
35	16	Hedinger♦	22	...	...	...	...
189	83	Hogg Robinson	189	+10	5.5	4.0	19.0
19	11	Hollis	15½	...	1.2	12.1	18.6
50	20	Hornsparks♦	36	...	1.0	3.8	∞
156	90	House of Lerose	130	...	10.3	10.6	12.9
208	159	Jacques Vert	195	...	10.0	6.8	8.9
582	359	Kingfisher	526	-6	12.2	3.1	15.9
86	61	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.8	7.3
663	410	Liberty	663	...	6.9	1.4	25.6
301	213½	Marks&Spencer	293	...	8.7	3.1	18.8
467	294	Menzies (John)	431	...	9.4	2.9	15.1
135	113	Moss Bros	126 †	...	5.0	5.3	27.8
65	11¼	Next	61½	-½	0.7	...	...
126¼	90	Oliver (G)	92	...	...	5.6	13.8
171	101	Pentos	145½	-½	2.5	2.1	18.0
119	72	Pope Group♦	118	...	4.0	4.5	5.5
247	135	QS Hldgs	222	...	4.3	2.6	18.9
191	44	Ramar Group	51	+6	10.0	26.1	2.0
145	99	S & U Stores	140	...	8.0	7.6	6.5
743	330	Sherwood Gp♦	700	...	9.1	1.7	14.6
104½	71	Sears	96	...	5.3	7.4	34.7
490	301	Smith WH 'A'	462	-12	12.5	3.6	15.1
41	13	Specialeyes♦	30	...	...	...	24.1
126	86	Storehouse	99	+9	5.0	6.9	...
235	141	T & S Stores	229	+1	5.0	2.9	15.6
33	18	Tie Rack	27	...	...	2.5	...
166	109	Time Products	152	+2	7.2	6.5	15.7
66	32	Usher (Frank)♦	62	...	4.0	8.6	9.4
65	36	Vivat	38	...	0.5	1.8	5.8
78	55	Waterson♦	68	...	3.5	6.9	10.6
75	37	Wickes	68	...	...	...	...
37	18	Wilding Office	27	...	1.8	...	...
51	15	Wil of Leather♦	40	...	...	...	...
205	121	Wyevale♦	186	-1	3.3	2.4	17.5
9	5	Xin-vision♦	6	...	...	...	...

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
15	10	Oceonics	12	...	...	...	16.2
279	227	Oxford Ins	228	...	4.1	2.4	14.7
195	128	P-E Internl	160	-1	6.2	4.9	13.4
147	50	P & P	53	-1	4.2	10.7	2.8
71	43	Peek	61 †	...	3.4	7.4	14.8
201	145	Pegasus♦	175	+2	12.1	9.7	∞
8500	6300	Philips Fn 4% £	8500	...	...	6.8	...
1131	587	-do- Lmp nv	1037	...	7.7	3.2	10.1
365	227	Pilco	325	...	7.7	3.4	9.3
357	194	-do- 'A' Voting	300	...	3.6	...	46.1
71	48	Plasmec♦	50	...	2.4	4.0	12.9
111	78	Premac	80	...	...	...	...
139	40	Psion♦	130	+12	2.4	2.5	...
60	46	Racal Elect	56	+1½	3.7	8.8	6.0
58	37	Radius♦	40	+1	2.7	9.0	8.1
123	45	Real Time♦	108	...	3.0	3.7	9.9
53	28	Rivo♦	33	...	...	...	18.5
290	180	Sage Gp	285	...	...	3.3	15.3
90	41	Scantronic	48	+1	2.9	8.4	48.1
135	78	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.6	12.8
499	233	Sema Gp	237	...	2.5	1.4	22.2
140	85	Sherwd Cmp♦	134	+4	5.2	5.2	6.7
33	10	Sistrom	18	...	0.3	...	...
41	30	Soundtracks♦	37	...	2.2	7.9	15.2
21	11	Sunleigh Elect♦	13	+1	...	...	...
2850	1550	TDK	2018	-9	...	1.0	17.3
8	5	TDS Circuits♦	6	...	...	...	...
33	15¼	Telemetrix	31	...	0.6	2.6	13.4
828	608	THORN EMI	765	+2	30.5	5.4	15.8
19	10	Total Systems♦	19	...	...	...	...
175	102	Tunstall	175	...	5.0	3.8	8.6
306	182	Unitech	246	...	11.7	6.3	33.3
59	34	Utd Scientific	34	...	2.0	7.8	...
18	8½	Vitesse♦	14	...	0.2	1.9	14.9
414	251	Vodafone	351	-5	...	2.0	20.8
295	221	Volex	253	...	17.0	9.2	28.7
27	10	Western Selectn	16	-½	1.0	8.3	...
40	11	Wharfdale♦	11½	...	...	...	...
395	283	Wholesale Fittgs	314	+2	16.6	7.1	16.0

ELECTRICITY

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
295	212	East Midlands	244	...	...	6.4	8.0
271	204½	Eastern Elec	234	-4	...	6.3	8.5
124¼	101½	Hydro-Elect	102	...	...	5.0	12.9
295	206	London Elec	247	+3	...	6.3	6.9
344	230½	Manweb	293	-4	...	5.9	8.3
295	206	Midlands Elec	252	...	...	6.2	8.1
295	213	Northern Elec	259	+2	...	6.6	6.3
311	213	Norweb	260	+1	...	6.1	10.2
119½	98½	Scottish Power	100	...	...	5.1	13.3
295	204	Seeboard	253	+1	...	6.1	7.2
366	224	Sth Wales	303	...	16.9	6.0	9.0
303	209	Sth Western	248	...	...	6.4	7.6
290	208½	Southern Elec	250	+2	...	6.0	8.0
322	227	Yorkshire Elec	286	...	...	5.6	7.7
£2810	£1425	Package Unit	£2570	+500	...	...	...
170	110	National Power	147	+1	...	5.0	8.1
179	112	PowerGen	157	+1	...	4.8	8.4

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey Ntl	272	-2	9.9	4.6	9.0
183	126	Allied Irish	169	...	...	5.9	12.1
60	23	Ansbacher (H)	35	...	1.5	5.7	...
199	121	Aus New Z	199	+15	...	...	6.3
2631	1218	Bankamerica	1987 †	-9	...	7.2	23.9
173½	115½	Bk of Ireland	149	...	...	...	...
1950	1900	Bk Leumi Isrl	1900 #	...	...	...	...
350	340	Bk Leumi UK	340	...	16.0	6.3	...
126	91	Bank Scotland	117	-1	...	5.8	25.5
489	327	Barclays	386	...	21.1	7.3	25.5
12	3	Benchmark	5	...	...	...	19.9
270	195	Brown Shipley	227	...	8.0	4.7	...
27	12¼	Carlisle	18	+1	...	...	...
464	313	Cater Allen	367	...	25.0	9.2	...
78	52	Cattles	68	+1	3.8	7.5	13.4
1275	531	Chase Manh	943	+3	...	...	...
1037	587	Citicorp	593 †	-6	...	...	...
270	225	Close Bros	270	...	8.8	4.3	12.9
8612	1500	Commerzbk	8500	...	...	0.8	...
£231¼	£191½	Deutsche Bk	£227½	...	...	2.1	...
213	35	First Nat Fin	47	...	13.0	...	2.8
355	260	Gerrard Nat	269	...	20.5	10.2	...
256	174	HSBC	250	+1	...	4.5	...
302	204	Hambros	260	...	12.8	6.6	9.2
413	330	Joseph (L)	330	...	15.8	6.4	...
153	107	King Shaxson	108 †	...	10.2	12.7	...
377	249	Kleinwort Ben	299	-4	16.0	7.1	...
409	268	Lloyds	385	-2	15.3	5.3	16.5
63	44	Lon Scot Bk	51	...	2.7	7.2	9.9
264	150	Midland	220	+2	9.0	...	...
363	207	Nat Aust Bk	351	+5	...	6.9	9.6
357½	247	Nat West	309	...	17.5	7.6	...
512	390	Provident	435	...	23.5	7.2	9.3
46	24	Rea Bros	35	...	0.5	1.9	22.3
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	170	-1	8.4	6.6	13.9
1143	640	Schroders	1125	...	14.0	1.7	22.4
431	205	Stand Chart	384	-1	20.0	...	33.8
165	124	TSB	126	+1	6.4	6.8	...
600	230	Union Disc	246	...	35.0	19.0	3.7
563	314	Warburg SG	540	+1	16.0	4.0	11.2
192	109	-do- 6% 'A'	184	...	...	4.3	...
5800	2506	Wells Fargo	3450	+6	...	6.9	...
224	128	Westpac	215	+4	...	5.8	∞
353	253	Wintrust	258	...	9.3	4.8	7.7

BREWERIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
662	460	Allied-Lyons	601	+9	18.8	4.2	13.3
1066	882	Bass	946	-1	...	4.6	12.7
175	124	Boddington	165	...	6.0	4.8	11.9
270	173	Bulmer (HP)	264	...	8.3	4.2	16.4
143	98	Burtonwd Brw	107 †	...	4.2	5.3	6.2
245	135	Devenish (JA)	204	...	5.3	3.5	14.3
120	83	Eldridge P 'A'♦	84	+1	4.1	...	...
84	51	Fosters Brewing	78	-1	...	1.4	∞
450	360	Fullr Sm 'A'♦	423	+3	6.1	1.9	17.2
268	137	Gibbs Mew♦	138	...	6.7	6.5	...
869	623	Grand Met	836	+9	20.4	3.3	14.3
371	274	Greenall Wht	355	+2	10.0	3.8	11.2
490	374	Greene King	457	+1	10.8	3.2	12.0
538	358½	Guinness	504	+1	...	2.5	15.2
1263	873	Hardy Hansn	1250	...	33.5	3.6	15.3
255	180	Heavitree♦	183	...	...	2.2	22.8
195	140	-do- 'A' LV♦	140	...	...	2.9	17.4
308	225	Highland Dist	297	...	5.5	2.5	19.5
278	136	Invrgordn Dist	252	+4	...	3.4	17.9
492	420	Mansfield	490	...	12.1	3.3	13.6
236	185	Marston Thmp	222	...	4.4	2.7	15.8
435	357	Matthew Clark	434	...	14.0	4.3	13.2
434	346½	Mrydwn W♦	399	...	...	2.1	19.1
360	231	Morland	360	+27	7.1	2.7	∞
1110	557	SA Breweries	1110	+100	...	2.1	22.3
428	336	Scot & New	391	+2	15.0	5.1	11.0
254	174	Vaux Group	215	...	8.7	5.4	11.0
510	409	Whitbread 'A'	442	+1	16.3	5.0	10.0
1375	1310	-do- 'B'	1338	...	16.3	1.6	30.4
593	399	Wolvrhmptn D	591	+2	...	2.3	16.9
475	389	Young 'A'	463	-5	13.0	3.8	16.0

BUILDING, ROADS

ELECTRICALS

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Gr red yld
Treas 8% 1991	8.02	10.12
Treas 3% 1992	3.08	8.08
Treas 8% 1992	8.07	10.04
Treas 10% 1992	10.02	10.34
Treas 10¼% 1992	10.49	10.27
Exch 12¼% 1992	12.07	10.09
Treas 12¼% 1992	12.72	10.47
Exch 13½% 1992	13.16	10.90
Fund 6% 1993	6.31	8.93
Treas 8¼% 1993	8.40	9.76
Treas 10% 1993	9.98	9.83
Treas 12½% 1993	12.04	9.93
Treas 13¾% 1993	12.87	9.88
Treas 8½% 1994	8.72	9.78
Treas 9% 1994	9.18	9.79
Treas 10% 1994	9.96	9.82
Exch 12½% 1994	11.78	9.91
Exch 13½% 1994	12.55	9.89
Treas 14½% 1994	13.28	9.86
Gas 3% 1990-95	3.38	6.62
Exch 10¼% 1995	10.13	9.84
Treas 12% 1995	11.37	9.89
Treas 12¾% 1995	11.67	9.90

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Gr red yld
Treas 9% 1992-96	9.12	9.40
Conv 10% 1996	9.93	9.82
Conv 10% 1996 B	10.11	9.82
Exch 13¼% 1996	11.89	10.01
Treas 14% 1996	12.39	10.08
Treas 15¼% 1996	12.90	10.06
Treas 8¾% 1997	9.17	9.70
Exch 10½% 1997	10.25	9.88
Treas 13¼% 1997	11.76	10.03
Exch 15% 1997	12.38	10.15
Treas 6¾% 1995-98	7.67	9.27
Exch 9¾% 1998	9.81	9.87
Exch 12% 1998	10.91	9.98
Treas 15½% 1998	12.24	10.04
Treas 9½% 1999	9.61	9.72
Conv 10¼% 1999	10.05	9.89
Treas 10½% 1999	10.16	9.87
Exch 12¼% 1999	10.97	9.90
Conv 9% 2000	9.36	9.70
Treas 13% 2000	11.15	10.07
Treas 10% 2001	9.88	9.79
Treas 14% 1998-01	11.85	10.14
Treas 9¾% 2002	9.76	9.77
Treas 10% 2003	9.84	9.76
Fund 3½% 1999-04	5.79	8.72
Conv 9½% 2004	9.68	9.75
Treas 11½% 2001-04	10.55	10.00
Conv 9½% 2005	9.68	9.74
Treas 12½% 2003-05	10.53	9.81

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Gr red yld
Treas 8% 2002-06	9.24	9.72
Treas 8½% 2007	9.35	9.63
Treas 11¾% 2003-07	10.40	9.80
Treas 9% 2008	9.45	9.57
Treas 13½% 2004-08	10.70	9.80
Treas 8% 2009	9.24	9.58
Conv 9% 2011	9.47	9.56
Treas 5½% 2008-12	8.61	9.52
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	9.34	9.58
Exch 12% 2013-17	9.84	9.59

UNDATED

Stock	Int yld %	Gr red yld
Consols 2½%	9.80	...
Treas 2½%	9.90	...
Treas 3%	10.00	...
Conv 3½%	8.80	...
Consols 4%	9.86	...
War LN 3½%	9.62	...

INDEX-LINKED

Stock	Int yld %	Gr red yld
Treas IL 2% 1992	1.98	8.03
Treas IL 2% 1994	2.28	3.38
Treas IL 2% 1996	3.26	3.84
Treas IL 2½% 2001	3.84	4.16
Treas IL 2½% 2003	3.93	4.20
Treas IL 2% 2006	4.01	4.23
Treas IL 2½% 2009	4.04	4.24
Treas IL 2½% 2011	4.05	4.24
Treas IL 2½% 2013	4.06	4.23
Treas IL 2½% 2016	4.06	4.22
Treas IL 2½% 2020	4.07	4.21
Treas IL 2½% 2024	4.05	4.19

Portfolio
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WATER

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
409	331	Anglian Water	351	...	17.5	6.8	7.1
406	327	Northumbrian	368	+1	18.6	6.7	5.6
395	322	North West	354	-1	18.0	6.8	6.6
370	300	Severn Trent	302	-4	17.5	7.7	4.7
397	293	Sthrn Water	315	...	17.7	7.5	5.9
392	308	South West	315	-1	20.0	8.5	4.8
397	323	Thames Water	344 †	...	17.5	6.8	7.0
422	341	Welsh Water	368	...	19.5	7.1	4.5
456	325	Wessex Water	385	...	17.7	6.1	6.6
431	335	Yorkshire W	362	-1	17.7	6.5	6.9

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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Mastertrust	88.33	94.47	-0.20	2.71
International	61.31	65.22	...	1.35
Dividend Gth	48.88	51.99	-0.15	5.77
Global Gth Sec	52.83	56.20	+0.08	3.10
Ethical Growth	54.58	58.06	-0.16	2.69
High Inc Equity	130.70	139.00†	-0.60	6.12
Worldwide Bond	209.60	222.20†	-0.20	6.75
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ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
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Amer Inc Gth	28.02	29.71†	-0.15	2.68
European	65.74	69.80	-0.40	0.33
European Inc	69.77	73.61†	-0.40	1.67
Exempt	765.40	793.00†	-6.30	5.15
Extra Inc	37.57	40.92	-0.16	6.05
F East Emerg Ec	47.59	50.98	+0.33	1.26
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	327.60	348.80	-1.10	5.73
Equity Inc	184.60	196.50	-0.30	5.14
High Yield	197.50	210.30†	-0.10	5.56
Balanced	546.20	581.70	-0.80	3.49
American Inc	33.60	35.78	-0.13	4.11
Wld Asset Val	30.93	32.94	...	1.28
Japan	134.10	141.80	...	0.01
Secy of Am	304.90	323.10†	-1.30	0.15
BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 128, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4FN. 081 663 3030				
European Gth	81.13	86.76	-0.46	1.60
1997 Euro Sp Op	59.49	63.62	-0.45	1.61
International Inc	68.61	72.98	+0.15	2.91
N American Gth	46.38	49.60	+0.32	1.64
Pacific Growth	68.39	73.13	-0.28	2.11
UK Growth Acc	77.88	83.29†	-0.42	2.68
UK Growth Dist	68.34	73.08†	-0.37	3.40
UK Income	56.72	60.65†	-0.36	7.38
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
Capital	85.66	91.99	-0.57	3.69
Euro Gth Inc	91.06	97.13	-0.54	1.94
Extra Inc	91.61	97.98†	-0.64	6.83
General	193.20	206.60	-1.10	4.20
Gilt Fxd Inc	51.86	53.72†	-0.01	10.14
Income	415.20	444.10	-3.00	6.19
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	63.74	67.46	-0.01	0.40
Amer Smllr Cos	72.23	76.87	-0.20	0.20
Australia	62.63	67.17	+1.04	1.90
Convertibles	45.32	48.47	-0.01	8.50
Eastern	126.40	136.00	+0.40	1.30
Equity Income	71.79	76.37†	-0.39	7.00
European Gth	175.10	186.00	-0.60	2.20
Euro Smllr Cos	147.70	157.80	-1.30	1.50
Exempt	66.16	70.33	...	4.00
German Growth	45.74	48.88	-0.15	1.10
Global Growth	79.09	84.67†	+0.25	1.00
Japan Growth	152.60	163.20	-0.60	...
Japan Sunrise	121.90	130.20	-0.10	...
Portfolio	97.03	100.90	-0.40	3.90
-do- Acc	165.80	172.50	-0.60	3.90
UK Growth	56.24	59.82	+0.10	4.20
UK Smaller Cos	72.82	77.88†	-0.10	2.90
Select Managers	53.19	56.58	-0.15	3.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
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Balan Gth Acc	81.60	87.27	+0.21	2.71
-do- Inc	76.19	81.48	+0.19	2.71
Global Bond	22.55	24.12†	-0.01	6.03
High Yield Acc	40.06	42.84	-0.16	4.90
-do- Inc	31.27	33.44	-0.12	4.90
Income Gth Acc	57.58	61.58	-0.65	5.59
-do- Inc	40.89	43.74	-0.46	5.59
Service Co Acc	70.65	75.56	+0.44	1.98
-do- Inc	66.52	71.15†	+0.41	1.98
Amer Gth Acc	33.40	35.72	+0.41	1.08
-do- Inc	32.78	35.05	+0.41	1.08
Euro Gth Acc	25.33	27.09	+0.06	1.40
-do- Inc	24.64	26.35	+0.06	1.40
Mngd P folio	25.10	26.84	+0.07	...
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	96.31	102.60	-0.20	4.61
Smaller Cos Acc	193.60	206.20	-0.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	115.10	122.60†	-0.30	1.88
High Inc	59.49	63.36	-0.37	6.90
Income	92.89	98.92†	-0.48	5.48
Mngd P folio Inc	78.04	83.11	-0.01	2.50
-do- Acc	144.00	153.40		
North American	73.88	78.69	+0.23	0.28
Orient	89.64	96.42	-0.03	...
Recovery	30.60	32.59†	+0.11	3.62
German	35.13	37.64†	-0.01	0.11
Ind Recov	27.52	29.31†	+0.14	0.27
European Inc	19.95	21.47	-0.02	0.53
Conv General	16.75	17.89	+0.07	10.64
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	50.25	53.22	+0.03	3.50
-do- Acc	54.52	58.11	+0.03	3.50
Income Fund 5	166.60	177.20†	-0.90	6.24
-do- Acc	360.40	383.40†	-1.80	6.24
Inv Portfolio	52.47	54.31	-0.36	3.08
-do- Acc	57.39	59.40	-0.39	3.08
Smaller Cos	109.60	116.60	-0.23	3.25
-do- Acc	126.40	134.50	+0.10	3.25
High Inc P folio	47.18	48.89	-0.29	6.87
BURRAGE UT MANAGEMENT LTD				
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Str Gilt Fxd Int	63.39	64.23	...	6.36
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PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	105.20	112.00	-0.30	2.25
UK Growth	115.60	120.90	-0.30	2.85
UK Income	102.00	108.60†	-0.50	5.97
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
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SE Asia	49.29	52.72	-0.26	2.12
Growth	39.02	41.73	+0.12	3.50
Income	46.17	49.38	+0.15	5.87
Far East	37.01	39.59	+0.01	0.78
North American	56.06	59.96	+0.30	0.01
Global	59.58	63.72	+0.43	1.39
European	56.17	60.08	-0.17	2.65
Japan	87.70	93.80†	-1.19	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	47.26	50.11†	-0.15	7.53
UK Cap Gwth	64.44	68.92	-0.24	2.51
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
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Capability Trusts				
American Gen	87.19	92.76	+0.07	0.24
-do- Acc	92.69	98.61	+0.07	0.24
European	55.59	58.92	-0.13	1.49
-do- Acc	57.23	60.67	-0.13	1.49
Far East Gen	46.96	49.96	+0.08	...
-do- Acc	46.96	49.96	+0.08	...
Glenfriars	212.20	225.80	-1.20	2.46
-do- Acc	231.70	246.50	-1.40	2.46
Growth	289.00	309.10	-1.80	2.79
-do- Acc	479.50	512.90	-2.80	2.79
Income Growth	310.00	329.80	-1.70	5.18
-do- Acc	386.60	411.30	-2.10	5.18
Master Portfolio	8029.0	8431.0†	-21.00	2.85
-do- Acc	8984.0	9434.0	-24.000	2.85
Special Sits	65.85	70.06	-0.43	2.88
-do- Acc	74.17	78.91	-0.49	2.88
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	957.70	987.40†	-5.10	6.10
-do- Acc	1060.0	1093.0	-6.00	6.10
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9GJ. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	140.70	150.10	-0.90	2.12
Capital	438.60	468.00†	-2.00	4.02
European Index	110.10	117.40	-0.10	2.11
Euro Gth	71.73	76.55	+0.10	1.94
Far East Growth	64.66	69.00	+0.13	1.23
Global Bond	20.29	21.63	-0.06	8.53
Gold General	61.65	65.79	+0.96	2.24
Hong Kong	41.44	44.22	+0.14	3.18
Income	417.60	445.60†	-1.10	5.67
Intl Growth	58.44	62.36	-0.05	1.42
Japan Growth	199.80	213.20†	+0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	28.21	30.10	-0.15	...
Japan Index	61.56	65.69	+0.08	0.34
Nth American	291.60	311.20	-2.10	1.75
S'pore Mly Gth	32.57	34.75	+0.11	...
Tiger Index	86.85	92.68	+0.08	1.31
Tittle Index	91.85	98.02	-0.04	4.13
UK Index	105.00	112.00	-0.70	4.08
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	56.12	60.03	-0.43	1.75
European P folio	59.23	63.14	-0.26	1.22
Japanese P folio	43.58	46.28	-0.26	...
Pacific P folio	63.67	68.47	-0.21	2.87
Cazenove P folio	57.75	61.77	-0.03	3.20
UK Income Gth	54.74	58.87	+0.07	6.98
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	544.05	546.45	...	3.29
Fixed Int	141.35	141.90	...	10.22
Deposit	10.25	...	10.65	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	523.84	528.86	...	5.54
-do- Acc	1921.3	1937.2	...	...
Deposit	10.25	...	10.65	...
Fxd Int Inc	114.65	114.87	...	10.10
-do- Acc	131.95	132.21	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	50.96	53.65†	-1.53	2.97
Beckman Intl	63.04	64.88†	-0.11	3.34
Prims Hse Inc	163.50	173.30†	-4.40	5.52
Prims Hse Cap	206.00	218.30	-6.30	2.79
COMMERCIAL UT MANAGERS				
St Helens, 1 Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	72.55	77.18	-0.23	1.26
European Gth	73.44	78.13	-0.26	1.07
Far East Gth	69.99	74.46	+0.16	0.54
Japan Gth Acc	33.41	35.54†	-0.15	...
Managed	51.10	54.36†	-0.18	3.96
-do- Acc	59.73	63.54	-0.21	0.54
Mthly Inc Plus	41.42	44.06	-0.02	9.90
Smaller Cos	28.61	30.44	+0.01	2.39
-do- Acc	30.69	32.65	+0.02	2.39
UK General	58.89	62.65	+0.12	3.21
-do- Acc	67.51	71.82	+0.13	3.21
Wwide Bd	49.83	53.01	-0.05	5.13
-do- Acc	59.65	63.46	-0.06	5.13
Wwide Sp Sits	41.94	44.86	+0.04	0.62
-do- Acc	43.52	46.55	+0.04	4.97
Quilter General	102.09	108.61†	-0.22	1.80
-do- Acc	109.71	116.71	-0.24	1.80
Quilter Income	85.10	90.53	-0.29	4.75
-do- Acc	96.27	102.42	-0.33	4.75
Quilter Intl	100.95	107.39	-0.23	...
-do- Acc	101.88	108.38	-0.23	...
Quilter UK Spec	68.04	72.38	-0.38	3.38
-do- Acc	87.83	93.44	-0.49	3.38
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	82.27	87.52	-0.51	3.08
Fixed Conv	33.26	35.38	-0.06	9.27
-do- Acc	79.75	84.84	-0.14	9.27
Equity Inc	123.08	130.94	-0.06	5.50
-do- Acc	365.94	389.30	-0.18	5.50
High Yield	100.96	107.40	-0.07	6.71
-do- Acc	351.74	374.19	-0.27	6.71
Preference	38.98	41.47	...	9.64
-do- Acc	180.09	191.59	+0.02	9.64
PPT Europe	121.94	129.72	+0.23	0.93
PPT Global Bnd	62.75	66.75	-0.09	5.10
PPT Gold Com	44.12	46.94	-0.04	...
PPT Tom	33.35	35.48	-0.01	0.81
PPT Hong Kong	53.25	56.65	+0.23	1.84
PPT Japan	97.16	103.36	-0.13	...
PPT N Amer	99.18	105.51	-0.07	0.30
PPT S'pore Mly	67.16	71.45	+0.34	...
PPT UK	97.32	103.53	+0.22	2.16
PPT Cash	84.10	84.10	+0.01	9.93
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 0345 090 526				
American	78.81	83.74†		
Capital	133.90	142.30	-0.90	2.11
Convertibles	20.95	22.26	-0.12	8.98
Eurofund	32.57	34.50	-0.27	1.16
Mngd Exempt	141.20	147.20	-3.40	3.57
Growth Inc	190.90	202.80	+0.70	5.55
High Dist	137.30	145.90†	+0.30	7.71
International	259.80	276.00	-1.00	1.81
Intl Income	61.09	65.21†	+0.21	6.06
Pacific	34.43	36.58†	-0.02	1.09
Smllr Jap Cos	58.37	62.02	-0.06	...
Tokyo	163.40	173.00	+0.40	...
Amer Exempt	158.10	162.40	-6.90	1.11
Japan Exempt	106.70	109.60	-7.40	0.46
Sm Jap Exempt	494.50	508.10†	-31.10	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	55.75	59.31†	+0.26	1.45
Japanese Acc	51.47	54.75		
UK Balncd Inc	99.08	105.40	-0.80	3.56
-do- Acc	112.00	119.10	-0.90	3.56
UK Growth Acc	166.50	177.10	-1.30	3.01
UK High Inc	106.20	113.00†	-0.80	8.78
-do- Acc	117.90	125.40†	-0.90	8.78
N America Acc	72.96	77.62	-0.09	0.13
European Acc	104.20	110.80	-0.80	1.46
UK Pref F/I Inc	56.59	60.03	-0.05	8.93
-do- Acc	81.11	86.03	-0.08	8.93
Intl Sp Sits Acc	40.83	43.44	+0.08	0.87
Environmntl Opp	57.12	60.77	-0.16	2.43
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	139.60	148.50	-5.00	2.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	96.65	101.74†	-0.25	5.26
High Income	98.12	103.28†	-0.35	6.79
Tst of Inv Tsts	107.91	113.59	-0.84	3.45
Special Sits	89.45	94.16	-0.22	4.57
North American	72.19	75.99	-0.30	0.99
Far Eastern	164.25	172.89	...	1.23
Intl Growth	71.00	74.74	+0.04	1.97
European	54.78	57.66	-0.12	2.05
Smaller Cos	56.54	59.52	-0.16	3.19
EQUITY & LAW				
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	252.20	268.30†	-2.00	3.66
-do- Inc	186.90	198.90†	-1.40	3.66
Higher Inc Acc	436.90	464.80†	-1.70	5.25
-do- Inc	282.70	300.80†	-1.10	5.25
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	142.30	149.70	-0.10	8.73
-do- Inc	81.87	86.18	-0.07	8.73
Nth America	165.60	176.20†	+1.10	...
Far East	216.80	230.70†	+0.50	0.34
Europe	191.00	203.20	-0.70	...
General Inc	339.40	360.20	-2.30	3.61
-do- Acc	358.00	380.10	-2.40	3.61
Brit Excell	52.51	55.87†	-0.34	3.44
Brit Fndmntls Inc	53.89	57.33	-0.15	6.26
Brit Fndmntls Acc	65.15	69.31	-0.18	6.26
Global Opps	54.52	58.00†	+0.11	0.01
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	154.10	162.80†	-0.20	...
Cash Unit Tst	134.14	134.14†	+0.02	10.66
European Inc	91.73	98.37	-0.60	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European Inc	78.03	82.70	-0.33	1.58
Far Eastern	109.60	116.90†	-0.30	...
Ovrsr Income	68.65	73.23	+0.06	2.81
UK Growth	66.90	71.55	-0.42	1.51
UK Income	91.69	98.06†	+0.15	6.14
US Smaller Cos	134.50	143.80†	-0.10	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	285.50	309.90	+1.80	...
-do- Acc	291.70	316.60	+1.90	...
Capital	252.00	268.00	-0.10	3.09
-do- Acc	338.90	360.40	-0.10	3.09
Contl Smllr Cos	40.34	43.11	-0.12	0.16
-do- Acc	41.02	43.83	-0.12	0.16
Convertible	102.90	109.00	-0.40	7.19
-do- Acc	173.70	184.00	-0.60	7.19
European	84.94	90.69	-0.33	0.69
-do- Acc	87.28	93.17	-0.34	0.69
Extra Income	242.90	258.30	-0.60	5.54
-do- Acc	320.20	340.60	-0.60	5.54
Financial	62.12	66.07	-0.05	0.93
-do- Acc	64.27	68.36	-0.05	0.93
Health Fund Inc	98.63	106.00†	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	98.63	106.00†	+0.50	...
Income Tst	151.90	161.50	-0.50	5.13
-do- Acc	201.00	213.80	-0.60	5.13
Intl Growth	239.30	256.70	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	265.70	285.00	+0.20	...
Japan Gen	132.30	141.70	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	133.70	143.10	-0.70	...
Mngd P folio Inc	76.13	80.13	-0.14	2.06
-do- Acc	76.79	80.83	-0.13	2.06
Monthly Income	122.90	130.70†	-0.20	5.58
Recovery	205.10	223.10	+0.40	0.99
-do- Acc	237.10	257.90	+0.40	0.99
Smaller Cos	37.29	39.66	-0.04	3.62
-do- Acc	41.27	43.89	-0.05	3.62
Gilt Gth Inc	61.65	63.57	-0.25	4.98
-do- Acc	66.96	69.05	-0.27	4.98
Gilt Int Inc	57.46	59.25	-0.21	8.42
-do- Acc	67.61	69.71	-0.25	8.42
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Admin: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	271.99	289.35†	-1.77	3.89
-do- Acc	533.75	567.82†	-3.47	3.89
Euro Gth Dist	85.71	91.18	-0.26	0.79
-do- Acc	87.35	92.93	-0.27	0.79
Fixed Int Dist	116.36	123.08	-0.22	7.88
-do- Acc	182.53	193.07	-0.35	7.88
Intl Gth Dist	59.51	63.31	-0.07	0.70
-do- Acc	60.96	64.85	-0.08	0.70
Nth Amer Dist	132.13	140.56	+0.44	1.17
-do- Acc	140.81	149.80	+0.46	1.17
Pac Basin Dist	182.05	193.67	+0.74	0.32
-do- Acc	184.30	196.06	+0.74	0.32
Stewardship Dist	242.46	257.94†	-0.16	2.70
-do- Acc	280.20	298.09†	-0.19	2.70
Stwd Inc Dist	51.75	55.05†	-0.08	5.34
-do- Acc	60.75	64.63†	-0.11	5.34
N Am Stwd Dist	66.34	70.57	+0.28	0.29
-do- Acc	69.95	74.41	+0.30	0.29
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	87.23	93.30	+1.03	...
UK Capital Inc	140.70	150.50	-0.10	4.23
-do- Acc	231.30	247.40	-0.20	4.23
Uk Spec Sits	54.77	58.58†	-0.11	1.95
Income	96.69	103.40	-0.40	7.91
International	180.80	193.40	+0.20	1.30
US General	63.36	67.34	-0.21	0.68
Japan General	330.80	351.30	-2.20	...
Far East General	180.80	193.40	+1.80	0.32
European	308.70	329.30	-1.40	1.17
Germany	84.21	89.40†	-0.12	0.44
Intl Income	54.58	58.16	-0.14	5.74
W wide Spec Sits	90.84	97.16	+0.46	0.13
Global Assets In	47.85	51.18	-0.27	2.93
Global Assets Ac	49.43	52.87	-0.28	2.85
Smllr Cos Div	43.94	47.00	+0.07	5.95
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Growth	33.57	35.90	-0.20	2.81
Cash Trust*	117.34	117.34†	+0.03	10.30
Frncl Inv Inc	87.40	93.73	-0.49	3.73
-do- Acc	179.91	192.93	-1.03	3.73
UK Smaller Cos	100.33	107.59†	-0.46	2.12
Income Trusts				
Preference Share	22.12	23.66†	+0.52	10.65
High Inc	30.09	32.18	+0.25	6.03
Income	100.45	107.43	-0.46	4.43
Intl Fxd Int	23.63	24.87	-0.08	6.84
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	64.88	69.58	+0.21	0.95
Eurovestment	16.49	17.57	...	0.63
Frontier Markets	31.26	33.52	-0.29	0.54
Global Inc Gth	87.53	93.82†	-0.11	3.03
UK Intl	89.40	95.61	-0.30	2.27
Overseas Trusts				
American	84.63	90.50	-0.16	1.49
European	61.79	65.57	-0.18	1.63
Euro Sel Opps	78.53	83.50	-0.18	1.81
American Emerg	41.49	44.49	+0.02	0.02
Hong Kong	56.21	60.28	+0.43	2.37
Japan	150.72	160.44	-0.58	...
Pacific Growth	86.85	93.14	+0.29	1.21
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	99.34	106.24	+0.15	0.76
American Gth	78.48	83.93	+0.23	0.25
European Gth	56.55	60.40	-0.42	1.25
German Horizn	40.85	43.66	-0.07	0.75
Japan Gth	62.68	67.03	-0.14	...
Pacific Inc	93.23	99.71	+0.65	2.59
Pacific Strategy	62.72	67.08	+0.26	0.51
UK Prog Inc	65.73	70.29	-0.22	7.50
Gt British Cos	43.02	46.01	-0.69	2.46
UK Small Cos	39.10	41.82	-0.11	2.88
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	120.10	120.10†	...	10.45
Gilt Fund	109.40	116.10	-0.20	8.07
Growth Equity	245.00	261.70†	-0.60	3.27
Guardhill	347.70	371.40	-0.80	3.34
Income Trust	93.18	99.55	-0.43	5.66
International	117.40	125.40	+0.20	0.26
Managed	98.10	104.80	-0.30	2.24
Nth American	172.10	183.80†	+0.20	0.63
Pacific	285.30	304.80†	+0.50	...
Prop Shares	200.20	213.80	-0.30	4.58
Small Cos	222.30	237.50†	-0.20	2.16
European	300.30	320.80	+0.30	0.51
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	28.42	30.13	+0.10	2.71
-do- Acc	29.06	30.81	+0.10	2.71
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Amer Equity Inc	49.79	52.83†	-0.07	2.69
Canadian	50.13	53.70†	-0.07	0.34
Equity Income	88.64	94.30†	-1.50	6.34
European	116.60	123.40	-0.90	0.50
High Income	58.00	61.70	-0.10	8.48
Intl Situation	60.25	64.44	+0.05	...
Japan Far East	86.94	92.24†	+0.40	...
North American	72.50	76.92†	+0.18	0.46
Scandinavian	92.77	98.31	+0.03	1.28
Smaller Cos	26.06	27.72	...	2.81
UK New Genrtn	35.77	38.05	-0.02	2.39
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690370				
Amer Smaller	59.06	63.54†	+0.48	...
Asian Enterprise	73.34	78.68	+0.34	1.86
Australian	119.88	128.14	+1.53	3.84
European	282.56	299.42†	-0.72	0.85
European Inc	57.34	60.65	-0.18	2.88
Euro Smll Co	101.67	108.12†	-0.42	1.06
Extra Income	223.12	237.53	-0.59	6.86
Family of Funds	54.17	57.70	-0.43	1.66
Fixed Interest	50.09	54.34	+0.04	8.78
Global Resour	68.96	74.04	-0.23	1.93
High Inc	244.69	261.56†	-0.46	6.37
Income Gth	199.01	211.94	-1.21	5.69
-do- Acc	470.70	501.28	-2.86	5.69
International	177.00	188.02†	-0.11	1.38
Japan Spc Sit	176.79	187.55	-0.64	...
Japan	153.67	163.42	-0.06	...
N Amer	158.90	169.33	+0.08	0.45
Pacific Smllr Cos	117.55	125.93	-0.02	0.10
Pref Gilt	39.78	43.65†	+0.01	12.25
Smaller Cos Div	141.92	154.68†	...	5.53
Special Sits	215.03	230.14	+0.28	2.02
-do- Acc	322.96	345.65	+0.42	2.02
Best of British	46.45	49.83†	-0.13	3.84
Spirit of the East	38.85	41.54	+0.33	0.62
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	73.12	78.20†	-0.45	3.55
Capital	125.70	134.40	-2.10	3.04
Dollar	214.00	228.80†	-0.80	0.73
European	157.60	168.50	-0.30	1.47
Far East	157.80	168.70	+0.70	1.89
Financial	477.50	510.60	-2.70	3.85
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	23.47	24.38	-0.01	9.65
High Yield	86.30	92.29	-1.87	6.47
Income	107.30	114.70†	-0.70	4.59
Intl	161.40	172.60	-0.20	1.21
Japan Tech	53.64	57.36	-0.31	...
Nat Resources	49.83	53.29	-0.28	1.54
Security	242.80	259.60	-2.00	3.25
Smaller Cos	88.91	95.09†	+0.14	2.13
Special Sits	118.10	126.30	-0.40	3.40
US Smaller Cos	44.92	48.04	+0.03	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	178.30	187.70	+2.00	2.08
Capital Gwth	88.74	93.41	...	3.06
Inv Trusts	95.42	100.40	...	0.94
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Great British	40.54	43.51	-0.18	2.97
Smaller Cos	21.82	23.18	...	2.38
Special Features	22.04	23.41	-0.06	2.53
-do- Acc	25.26	26.83	-0.06	2.53
General Funds				
UK Growth	43.02	45.70†	-0.39	3.13
Assets Earnings	60.36	64.13	-0.33	3.48
do Acc	68.19	72.45	-0.37	3.48
Managed Invest	67.72	72.35	-0.16	1.16
Rupert Children	62.48	66.75	-0.53	3.02
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.12	51.12	+0.01	10.50
Extra Inc	69.62	75.20	-0.38	6.65
Gilt	25.54	26.90	-0.01	7.58
Income Gth	31.46	33.79†	-0.17	4.80
MIMeur	68.82	70.56†	+0.06	9.66
Preference	14.60	15.51†	...	10.22
UK Income	251.10	269.80	-1.30	4.91
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	35.55	37.77†	+0.10	0.75
Fincl Sec	42.51	45.16	-0.23	3.31
Gold	36.26	38.78†	+0.11	2.20
-do- Acc	38.61	41.29	+0.11	2.18
Intl Leisure	19.91	21.15	+0.04	0.22
Property Shares	50.76	53.93	+0.10	2.66
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	113.40	119.60†	-0.70	5.80
European Acc	89.26	94.69	-0.66	2.07
European Dist	86.86	92.15	-0.64	2.07
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	32.95	35.07	-0.03	1.82
European Perf	84.49	89.67	-0.65	1.47
-do- Acc	85.56	90.81	-0.65	1.47
Euro Small Cos	17.32	18.41†	-0.13	1.38
French Growth	49.15	52.08	-0.27	2.09
-do- Acc	51.27	54.32	-0.29	2.09
Hong K/China	36.78	39.08	+0.30	2.85
Intl Growth	38.69	41.10†	-0.07	1.75
Japan Perf	28.97	30.75	-0.04	...
Accum Units	28.97	30.75	-0.04	...
Japan Smllr Cos	27.96	29.70	-0.22	...
Singapore Asean	51.33	55.85	+0.22	1.27
-do- Acc	51.64	56.20	+0.23	1.27
South East Asia	142.50	152.60	+0.60	1.66
US Smllr Cos	78.19	83.07	+1.15	...
-do- Acc	79.02	83.95	+1.15	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	62.18	66.17	+0.11	4.48
Intl Bond	44.76	47.15	-0.05	7.54
KEY FUND MANAGERS				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 236 5362				
Equity General	55.92	59.49	-0.28	4.26
Gilt Fixed Int	67.73	71.68	-0.04	8.70
Higher Income	153.90	163.30	-0.40	6.70
Income	79.97	85.53†	-0.40	6.29
International	68.10	73.23†	-0.26	2.74
Smaller Cos	57.86	61.89	-0.14	3.74
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	63.10	63.41†	+0.02	10.70
Extra Income	45.88	48.81	+0.69	6.78
Gilt Yield	109.40	115.40	-0.20	9.09
Global Income	156.70	166.70†	+1.91	4.80
High Yield	107.20	114.00†	-0.53	6.43
Smllr Cos Div	41.23	43.86†	-0.17	6.38
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	63.14	67.17	+0.68	0.36
North American	52.70	56.06	-0.41	1.49
European	109.80	116.80	-0.10	0.79
Euro Special	70.36	74.85	-0.11	1.32
Fund of Inv Tsts	26.19	27.86	-0.18	2.73
General	237.10	252.20	-1.10	3.77
Intl Recovery	102.50	109.00†	-0.40	1.87
Japan	332.40	353.60	+0.60	...
Japanese Special	178.90	190.30	+1.50	...
Master Acc	185.70	197.60	-0.30	1.12
Pacific	189.80	201.90†		0.42
Smaller Cos	90.99	96.80	+0.18	3.80
UK Equity Gth	27.89	29.67	-0.11	3.67
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	53.39	56.76	-0.11	1.66
Extra Income	20.87	22.20	-0.10	5.87
Far East	18.02	19.17	+0.02	0.97
Income Gwth	57.20	60.85	-0.33	4.60
Intl Growth	37.54	39.94	-0.07	1.73
Japan	46.28	49.23	+0.03	...
Maximum Dist*	98.59	100.60†	...	10.30
N Amer Equity	27.08	28.81†	-0.01	1.31
UK Equity	67.64	71.96†	-0.06	4.31
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	44.65	47.51	-0.27	5.18
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	355.60	378.30	-2.40	3.77
Equity Acc	648.60	690.00	-4.40	3.77
Equity Income	79.14	84.19	-0.08	5.42
European	77.91	82.88	-0.26	1.11
Far Eastern	122.30	130.10	+0.60	...
Fixed Interest	45.20	48.09	...	8.09
Gilt	80.94	85.65†	+0.26	7.59
Global Growth	49.12	52.26	-0.27	0.78
Intl Bond	43.89	46.69	-0.06	5.18
Japanese	52.80	56.17†	+0.08	...
Overseas Equity	76.03	80.88	-0.14	0.77
Nat Resources	72.48	77.11†	+0.43	0.84
North American	93.27	99.22	-0.64	1.57
UK Recovery	58.46	62.19†	-0.34	3.25
UK Special Sits	88.51	94.16	-0.21	2.69
Worldwide	61.49	65.41†	-0.18	3.79
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	263.80	277.70†	-2.10	3.93
-do- Acc	553.50	582.70	-4.40	3.93
Contl Euro Gth	39.71	41.80†	-0.20	1.85
-do- Acc	41.48	43.67	-0.21	1.85
Energy Intl	54.25	57.72	-0.35	0.19
-do- Acc	65.11	69.27	-0.42	0.19
Extra Inc	199.50	210.00†	-4.90	5.84
-do- Acc	465.20	489.70	-11.60	5.84
German Gth	86.44	90.99†	-0.47	0.63
-do- Acc	90.11	94.86	-0.47	0.63
Income	383.50	403.70†	-1.90	5.17
-do- Acc	935.10	984.40	-4.80	5.17
Intl Tech	180.60	190.20†	-0.20	0.11
-do- Acc	193.20	203.40	-0.20	0.11
Japan Growth	79.26	84.32	+0.08	0.02
-do- Acc	79.54	84.62	+0.08	0.02
Master Trust	43.09	45.35	-0.20	3.87
-do- Acc	45.86	48.26	-0.21	3.87
N American Gen	135.00	143.70	-0.10	0.79
-do- Acc	155.20	165.20	-0.10	0.79
NAm Sm Co Rec	92.22	97.08†	+0.41	0.01
-do- Acc	94.11	99.07	+0.41	0.01
Pacific Basin	150.70	160.40	+0.80	0.23
-do- Acc	157.90	168.00	+0.70	0.23
Small Cos Rec	266.50	280.60†	+9.10	2.44
-do- Acc	335.30	353.00	+11.40	2.44
UK Growth	71.86	75.65	-0.52	3.37
-do- Acc	80.46	84.70	-0.60	3.37
Worldwide Gth	212.70	223.90	-0.40	1.15
-do- Acc	310.20	326.60	-0.40	1.15
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	63.79	68.44†	-0.50	4.00
Income	50.89	54.60	-0.32	6.60
International	41.75	44.80	-0.12	1.70
American	40.65	43.62	+0.03	1.40
Japan	38.41	41.21	...	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	42.11	45.18†	-0.16	2.70
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 071 626 4588. Dealing: 0245 266266				
American Gen	266.30	281.50	...	0.88
-do- Acc	326.60	345.30	+0.10	0.88
American Rec	253.00	267.50†	-0.30	0.73
-do- Acc	288.30	304.80	-0.20	0.73
Am Sm Co Acc	79.10	83.70	+0.80	...
Australia Acc	126.90	134.10	+1.40	1.53
Capital	494.90	523.40	-1.10	4.55
-do- Acc	522.50	552.60	-1.10	4.55
Commodity Acc	340.20	359.80	+1.50	2.12
Compnd Gth	640.20	677.00	-1.90	4.47
Dividend	27.20	29.10	-0.10	6.44
-do- Acc	98.30	105.10	-0.40	6.44
Equity Inc	237.40	251.00	-0.50	6.96
European Div	47.50	50.30	-0.20	5.65
-do- Acc	379.00	403.70	-1.30	1.62
Extra Yield	305.00	322.50	-1.50	6.79
-do- Acc	824.00	871.30	-4.20	6.79
Far Eastern	186.20	196.90	+0.70	1.02
-do- Acc	240.90	254.70	+0.90	1.02
Fund of Inv	382.80	404.80†	-3.20	3.01
-do- Acc	675.30	714.10	-5.80	3.01
General	44.70	47.30	-0.10	5.18
-do- Acc	110.50	116.90	-0.30	5.18
Gilt Fxd Int	57.70	60.60†	...	9.70
do Acc	129.70	136.20	-0.10	9.70
Gold	36.00	38.10	+0.30	1.77
-do- Acc	41.30	43.70	+0.40	1.77
High Inc	20.00	21.20	...	6.61
-do- Acc	68.00	72.00	-0.30	6.61
Intl Growth	51.40	54.40	-0.10	1.16
-do- Acc	87.60	92.70	-0.10	1.16
Intl Inc	66.80	70.60†	+0.10	6.09
Japan Gen Acc	40.10	42.40	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	118.20	124.90	-0.80	...
Midland	43.80	46.30†	-0.40	5.68
-do- Acc	131.80	139.30	-1.60	5.68
Recovery	27.50	29.10	-0.10	4.96
-do- Acc	41.50	43.90	-0.10	4.96
Second Gen	48.30	51.10	-0.10	5.19
-do- Acc	110.90	117.30	-0.30	5.19
Smaller Cos	52.60	55.60	...	4.34
-do- Acc	94.50	99.90	...	4.34
Trustee	30.60	32.40†	...	5.66
Charibond 3	‡102.17	...†	...	10.56
Charifund 2	508.50	513.60†	-2.10	7.15
Pension ex 1	699.40	716.90†	-3.60	5.54
NAACIF Inc 3	‡41.16	...†	...	9.55
-do- Acc 3	‡850.60	...	...	9.55
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	108.60	116.10	-0.40	3.26
-do- Acc	116.30	124.30	-0.50	3.26
UK Income	91.76	98.13	-0.60	4.35
-do- Acc	97.67	104.40	-0.60	4.35
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	46.83	50.08	+0.11	1.50
Far East (Pacific)	91.11	96.71	+0.43	1.31
Income Growth	61.31	65.08†	+0.35	4.32
European	53.39	56.67	-0.03	1.10
Nth American	36.34	38.57	+0.02	0.82
UK Growth	58.08	61.65†	-0.12	2.28
Intl Growth	67.16	71.29†	+0.02	1.24
Charities	88.77	94.23†	-0.34	5.57
High Yield	44.17	46.88†	-0.14	7.09
Intl Income	48.82	51.82	-0.08	6.20
Japan	37.49	39.79	+0.09	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American Gth	125.10	133.50†	-0.80	0.76
-do- Acc	133.70	142.60†	-0.90	0.76
American Inc	34.08	36.29	+0.02	6.98
-do- Acc	47.92	51.04	+0.03	6.98
Cash	100.80	100.80	...	10.20
-do- Acc	117.50	117.50	...	10.20
European Gth	151.30	160.80	-0.10	1.09
-do- Acc	160.60	170.70	-0.20	1.09
General	383.00	408.60	-2.80	2.77
-do- Acc	700.70	747.40	-5.10	2.77
Global Dist	103.80	109.20	-0.30	6.41
-do- Acc	107.70	113.20	-0.50	6.41
Govt Securities	87.37	91.84	-0.07	7.94
-do- Acc	139.50	146.60	-0.10	7.94
Income	111.90	119.40†	-0.80	5.92
-do- Acc	153.70	164.00†	-0.80	5.92
International	275.90	293.40	-0.60	1.16
-do- Acc	360.80	383.70	-0.70	1.16
Japan	150.20	159.30	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	154.10	163.60	-0.90	...
Recovery	232.20	247.70†	-0.80	4.17
-do- Acc	283.10	302.00†	-0.90	4.17
European Inc	59.76	63.61	-0.38	5.24
-do- Acc	72.45	77.13	-0.46	5.24
Amer Smllr Cos	51.76	55.22†	+0.07	...
-do- Acc	52.47	55.97†	+0.06	...
Brit Blue Chip	59.50	63.47†	-0.56	3.77
-do- Acc	67.50	72.00†	-0.66	3.77
Portfolio	58.71	62.54	-0.38	3.41
-do- Acc	63.88	68.07	-0.41	3.41
High Income	45.11	48.12†	-0.42	7.48
-do- Acc	56.09	59.82†	-0.53	7.48
Pacific	53.25	56.80	+0.30	1.92
-do- Acc	55.69	59.40	+0.32	1.92
UK Smaller Cos	43.20	46.08	+0.02	2.69
-do- Acc	46.95	50.08	+0.01	2.69
Am Sm Cos Eqty	54.62	58.03	+0.53	...
-do- Acc	55.07	58.48	+0.53	...
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Deacon Hse, 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. 0742 529888				
British Dist	65.39	69.94	-0.44	2.90
-do- Acc	70.27	75.16	-0.47	2.90
Capital	84.13	89.98	+0.09	3.12
-do- Acc	126.40	135.20	+0.10	3.12
European Gth	133.50	142.10†	-0.70	1.35
-do- Acc	166.80	177.70	-0.70	1.35
Extra High Inc	61.14	65.39	-0.26	7.65
-do- Acc	96.12	102.80	-0.40	7.65
Gilt Fixed Int	51.24	53.35	-0.12	9.87
-do- Acc	122.00	127.00	-0.30	9.87
High Yield	184.30	197.10†	+2.70	6.27
-do- Acc	403.00	431.00	+5.90	6.27
Income	235.50	251.90	-0.90	4.86
-do- Acc	463.40	495.60	-1.90	4.86
Intl High Sr Dist	61.18	65.43	+0.65	1.52
-do- Acc	64.64	69.13	+0.69	1.52
Japan Gth	249.40	266.70	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	262.70	281.00	-0.80	...
Mandarin Acc	61.19	65.44	+0.49	1.75
North American	118.70	127.00†	-0.50	1.43
-do- Acc	149.10	159.50	-0.60	1.43
Mngd Port Acc	66.09	71.65	-0.24	1.92
Meridian Gth	119.10	127.40	+0.20	1.89
Meridian Inc	94.41	101.00	-0.30	4.28
Smaller Cos	111.10	118.80	-0.10	2.68
-do- Acc	129.70	138.70	-0.20	2.68
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	162.90	174.30	+1.20	0.82
Cash Inc	100.27	100.27†	+0.02	10.33
Cash Acc	112.16	112.16†	+0.02	10.33
Euro Gth Acc	192.60	205.50	-1.00	...
Europe	100.70	107.70	+0.10	...
Intl Gth	137.10	145.80†	...	...
Japan Tracker	60.03	63.66†	+0.21	...
UK Equity Inc	111.10	119.50†	-0.50	4.52
-do- Acc	128.10	137.80†	-0.60	4.52
UK Ind Tracker	119.00	127.00	-0.90	3.88
US Eq Ind Trkr	134.20	144.00	-0.20	3.13
-do- Acc	139.40	149.60	-0.20	3.13
Asian Trader	80.12	86.40†	+0.26	1.81
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	124.40	131.80	...	3.61
European	52.14	55.64	-0.19	1.16
Far Eastern	105.50	112.50	+0.50	0.92
Olympiad	45.13	48.09	+0.12	0.69
Olympiad Inc	41.99	44.81†	+0.06	5.65
Smaller Cos	47.62	50.82†	+0.08	3.17
Equity Income	79.37	84.70	-0.41	5.94
UK Growth	74.43	79.44	-0.07	1.56
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	34.04	36.30	+0.05	1.13
Australian Acc	234.80	251.90	+3.00	2.14
Conscience	53.67	57.27	+0.76	1.36
-do- Acc	56.67	60.48	+0.82	1.36
European	137.50	146.60†	-0.60	1.02
-do- Acc	146.10	155.80	-0.50	1.02
Extra Income	61.60	65.74	-0.33	9.29
-do- Acc	86.49	92.30	-0.43	9.29
Far East Gth	97.88	104.60†	-0.10	...
Gilt Fxd Inc	52.97	56.07	-0.10	8.13
Gold	28.02	30.12†	-0.17	...
-do- Acc	30.17	32.44	-0.17	...
Income	44.56	47.53	-0.17	6.24
-do- Acc	124.20	132.40	-0.60	6.24
International	23.20	24.89†	-0.04	0.44
-do- Acc	33.17	35.59	-0.05	0.44
Jap Sm Cos Acc	308.20	328.70	-1.60	...
S'pore Mly Acc	96.34	103.30	+0.90	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.90	26.77	+0.03	2.43
Special Sits	25.63	27.55†	-0.08	0.94
-do- Acc	28.78	30.94	-0.11	0.94
Tokyo	63.99	68.25	-0.01	...
-do- Acc	64.63	68.93	-0.01	...
US Smllr Co Acc	57.57	61.57†	-0.41	...
UK Equity	133.90	142.80	-0.90	4.28
-do- Acc	238.90	254.80	-1.70	4.28
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	126.07	134.12†	-0.23	2.89
Global	214.21	227.89†	-1.05	1.07
Income	156.35	166.34†	+0.60	5.27
International	98.80	105.11†	-0.09	7.47
Cash	101.70	101.70	+0.02	10.37
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Thorpewood, Peterborough PE3 6GD. Dealing: 0800 626577 Enquiries: 0733 67707				
Growth	115.30	121.30	-0.80	3.15
-do- Acc	195.00	205.30	-1.20	3.15
Income	176.40	187.60†	-1.00	4.98
Ind Equity	170.00	180.80	-0.80	1.58
-do- Acc	184.20	195.90	-0.80	1.58
Equity	182.80	194.40	-1.30	3.05
-do- Acc	358.00	380.80	-2.50	3.05
UK Intl 25 Acc	53.97	57.41	-0.29	1.68
UK Income	48.58	51.67	-0.34	4.80
UK Smllr Co Acc	53.60	57.02	+0.06	2.72
New Europe Acc	50.72	53.96	-0.17	1.42
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 576868				
Asian Smllr Mkt	44.53	47.63	+0.10	1.33
PEP Gth Inc	67.93	72.66	-0.28	2.28
Intl Gth	338.99	362.56	-1.00	0.56
Income	219.43	234.69†	-1.09	4.78
W wide Recov	204.12	218.32	-0.47	1.13
American Gth	126.44	135.24	-0.34	0.15
Intl Emerg Cos	108.66	116.22	-0.33	0.81
Far East Gth	121.96	130.44	+2.63	1.22
European Gth	84.50	90.38	-0.03	1.71
UK Growth	54.72	58.53	-0.13	3.94
High Income	62.05	66.37	-0.20	5.82
Japanese Gth	145.61	155.40	-0.87	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London. EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	144.40	153.60	-0.20	1.56
High Income	83.20	88.51†	+1.33	5.13
Conv Gth	96.65	102.80†	-0.30	8.32
Far East	216.30	230.60	+1.40	0.92
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	35.56	37.83	-0.01	0.78
Emerging Mkts	35.96	38.26	-0.57	0.39
General	39.89	42.44	-0.62	4.01
International	66.45	70.69	-0.03	1.61
Gilt Units	23.60	24.33†	-0.03	8.85
Global PEP	27.78	29.55†	-0.06	2.55
Income Gth	54.92	58.43†	-0.48	6.30
Euroyield	36.23	38.54	-0.13	1.38
Gilt/Fixed Int	22.32	23.74	-0.04	8.07
UK Smaller Cos	21.07	22.42	+0.02	3.27
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377				
Holb Trust	23.18	24.79	-0.02	1.64
Holb Cash Hsm	107.29	107.29	+0.02	10.78
Holb Equity	551.45	589.79†	-2.11	3.33
Holb Equity Inc	64.03	68.48†	-0.04	5.28
Holb European	137.79	147.36	-0.03	2.29
Holb Global Gth	59.43	63.56	+0.02	2.50
Holb High Inc	72.76	77.81	-0.08	6.35
Holb Intl	118.25	126.47	+0.28	1.39
Holb Intl Sm Co	50.42	53.92†	+0.09	1.57
Holb Japanese	133.77	143.06	-0.85	...
Holb Nth Amer	90.84	97.15†	+0.22	1.02
Holb Pacific Mkt	50.66	54.18	+0.23	2.49
Holb Premr Inc	43.71	45.51†	-0.14	8.45
Holb Smllr Cos	69.48	74.31†	-0.14	2.67
Holb Spec Sits	82.15	87.86	-0.06	3.21
Holb UK Growth	90.78	97.09	-0.27	3.48
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	121.26	130.83†	-0.17	4.69
Japan	185.89	199.33	-0.12	...
Major UK Cos	77.77	83.71	-0.64	2.82
Smllr Austrlsn	66.25	71.14	+0.30	2.21
America Income	322.92	345.87	-0.62	1.14
-do- Acc	373.07	399.59	-0.71	1.14
Smllr UK Cos	196.05	213.93	-0.17	2.55
Smllr Canadian	41.59	45.91	-0.44	...
Smllr European	197.08	210.71	-0.61	1.33
SAVE & PROSPER				
28 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Amer Inc Gth	50.37	53.58†	+0.01	6.00
Capital Units	113.40	120.60	-0.30	2.21
Commodity	79.65	84.73	-0.07	1.91
European Gth	120.50	128.10†	-0.10	0.78
Financial Sec	113.50	120.70†	-0.20	2.71
High Return	213.60	227.20	-0.40	7.22
High Yield	199.30	212.00	-0.30	5.44
Income Units	94.78	100.80	-0.10	8.27
Investment	131.40	139.70†	-0.10	1.56
Japan Gth	103.50	110.10	-0.30	...
Japan Smaller	162.10	172.40	-0.60	...
Masterfund	36.64	38.97	-0.04	1.93
Scotbits	164.40	174.80	-0.50	3.13
Scotshares	235.90	250.90†	+0.30	3.57
Scotyields	195.50	207.90	-0.80	6.15
Select Intl	97.51	103.70†	+0.40	0.90
Smaller Cos	209.40	222.70	+0.10	5.90
Special Situation	94.47	100.50	+0.56	2.07
UK Equity	209.20	222.50	-1.20	4.20
US Growth	96.28	102.40	+0.40	0.46
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Dealing: 071 606 8484. Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
American	164.00	174.90†	-1.50	1.08
-do- Acc	176.30	188.00	-1.70	1.00
Australian	117.30	125.10	+1.10	1.22
-do- Acc	135.10	144.10	+1.30	1.22
Enterprise	151.70	161.80	-0.60	3.91
-do- Acc	168.20	179.40	-0.70	3.91
European Gth	50.59	53.96	-0.18	1.02
-do- Acc	51.31	54.73	-0.19	1.02
Euro Smllr Cos	48.28	51.49	-0.11	0.17
-do- Acc	48.43	51.65	-0.11	0.17
Far Eastern Gth	46.95	50.08	+0.24	0.20
-do- Acc	47.63	50.80	+0.24	0.30
Fixed Interest	48.20	50.80	-0.06	8.72
-do- Acc	54.56	57.50	-0.07	8.72
Gilt Income	95.17	100.20	-0.20	9.50
-do- Acc	119.90	126.30	-0.30	9.50
Income	238.00	253.80	-0.60	5.87
-do- Acc	655.50	699.10	-1.70	5.87
Japan Enterprise	47.50	50.00	...	...
-do- Acc	47.50	50.00	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	363.20	387.40	-2.10	...
-do- Acc	364.00	388.20	-2.10	...
Pacific Gth	50.58	53.95	+0.07	1.69
-do- Acc	51.39	54.81	+0.07	1.69
Smaller Cos	153.60	163.80	-0.60	1.76
-do- Acc	172.90	184.40	-0.80	1.76
Tokyo	78.60	83.84	-0.11	0.19
-do- Acc	79.40	84.69	-0.11	0.19
UK Equity	163.40	174.29	-1.80	3.92
-do- Acc	289.70	309.00	-1.80	3.92
US Smllr Cos	64.09	68.36†	-0.28	...
-do- Acc	64.09	68.36	-0.28	...
World Fd	55.10	58.77	-0.21	2.06
-do- Acc	56.83	60.61	-0.22	2.06
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	35.84	38.17	-0.26	5.71
Equity Strategy	51.15	54.47	-0.40	3.85
European Opps	57.87	61.63	-0.02	1.27
Manhattan Inc	99.42	102.20	+0.02	10.06
UK Smaller Cos	42.90	46.75	...	3.55
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	277.60	296.90	-1.60	4.02
American	167.40	177.20	-0.30	1.22
Pacific	242.20	259.00	+0.90	0.55
European	361.50	373.90	-0.39	1.55
Worldwide	64.35	68.82	-0.89	1.71
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	255.10	271.40	-1.70	3.46
UK Sm Cos Eqy	203.80	216.90	-0.30	2.76
European	256.10	272.50†	-1.50	1.09
North American	173.50	184.60†	-0.20	1.01
Income Plus Inc	53.73	57.16	-0.69	5.68
UK Spec Sits	58.05	61.76	-0.38	2.51
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/273				
Equity Gth Acc	21.05	22.53†	-0.13	4.27
Intl Growth Acc	22.22	23.78†	-0.06	1.77
Global Inc Acc	22.76	24.36	+0.03	5.64
Market Ldr Acc	21.48	22.99	-0.07	4.78
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	51.74	55.33	-0.30	...
Euro Spec Sits	34.92	37.15†	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	36.44	38.77	-0.11	...
Far East Opps	18.78	20.20	...	...
-do- Acc	19.16	20.60	-0.01	...
General Growth	81.18	86.59	+0.11	2.19
Global Tech	79.84	85.58†	-0.38	...
Income Growth	84.22	89.60	+0.33	3.44
Income Monthly	50.17	53.51	+0.03	6.66
Japan Growth	68.53	72.78	-0.03	...
Mngd Eqty Fnd	32.38	34.69	-0.10	2.39
-do- Acc	36.55	39.15	-0.12	2.39
Overseas Gth	57.51	61.15†	-0.07	...
Smaller Cos	69.69	74.93†	-0.09	3.12
Special Opps	73.96	79.52	+0.13	4.19
Wld Spec Sits	32.57	35.07	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	32.60	35.11	-0.20	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	34.77	36.95	...	2.44
Equity Gth Acc	47.45	50.42	+0.10	2.21
UK Eq General	45.44	48.29	+0.20	1.52
-do- Acc	35.56	37.79	+0.10	3.52
European Acc	34.38	36.53	-0.10	1.59
Far East Acc	40.49	43.03	-0.30	...
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.60	29.19†	...	7.60
N American Acc	32.77	34.82	-0.10	0.84
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	207.50	225.20	-1.10	2.75
UK Eq High Inc	31.05	33.00†	+0.20	6.17
-do- Acc	34.92	37.11	+0.20	6.17
UK Lgr Cos Inc	237.90	258.20	+1.20	4.71
UK Lgr Cos Acc	295.50	320.70	+1.50	4.71
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	270.00	288.60†	-0.20	1.00
British	804.20	850.80	-2.30	3.09
European	311.00	331.20†	-1.80	1.55
Japan	100.50	116.30	+0.30	...
New Pacific	167.50	178.30	...	1.84
Mngd Cash	96.42	99.30	+0.02	10.11
[illegible]	100.45	101.44	+0.02	10.01
PEP	144.20	152.70	...	3.60
Saints PPP	288.30	303.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance House, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 56293				
Equity Acc	593.70	635.00	-3.40	3.31
N America Acc	73.70	78.82	-0.05	1.15
Far East Acc	87.23	93.30	+0.30	1.10
W wide Bond	47.01	50.01†	[illegible]	5.52
European	64.60	69.09†	-0.25	1.40
Equity Income	67.06	71.72	-0.17	5.74
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	26.36	28.06	+0.07	[illegible]
Managed Assets	99.64	105.57	-0.56	3.85
UK Income	31.31	33.49	-0.19	4.80
UK Growth	30.91	33.06	-0.34	3.52
Worldwide Gth	22.62	24.20†	+0.02	1.05
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	142.94	152.06	+0.39	0.05
-do- Acc	157.80	167.82	+0.43	0.05
British Gth	71.87	76.45	-0.40	3.26
-do- Acc	81.81	87.03	-0.55	3.26
European	70.39	75.89	-0.59	1.25
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.25
Extra Inc	156.05	166.01	-2.40	5.56
-do- Acc	232.14	246.95	-3.56	5.56
General Unit	220.69	234.77	-1.66	3.48
-do- Acc	418.09	444.77	-3.14	3.48
Income	281.19	299.13	-1.32	5.58
-do- Acc	535.34	569.93	-2.51	5.58
International	374.90	398.82†	+0.64	0.62
-do- Acc	486.34	517.27†	+0.85	0.62
Pacific	219.49	233.50	+1.98	1.04
-do- Acc	229.34	243.97	+1.97	1.04
Premier Income	45.88	[illegible]	+0.92	8.77
-do- Acc	85.43	[illegible]	+1.25	8.77
Nat Resources	62.22	66.19†	+0.05	0.90
-do- Acc	62.80	72.23†	+0.05	0.80
Selected Opps	75.99	80.84	-0.08	2.85
-do- Acc	93.02	98.95	-0.08	2.85
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
The Exchange, 66 High St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 1SE. [illegible]				
American Eagle	74.24	79.38	-0.21	1.11
Australia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.66
Equity	159.90	171.78	-1.18	4.74
Euro Spec Sits	113.70	121.35	-0.59	0.22
Financial	27.74	29.83†	-0.27	4.74
Global Opps Inc	65.64	70.36†	-0.21	1.52
-do- Acc	67.89	71.89	-0.23	1.52
Gold Gen Inc	27.05	28.77†	-0.31	1.01
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	1.03
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	6.45
Japan General	126.50	[illegible]	-0.40	...
Preference	19.25	[illegible]	-0.05	10.55
UK Capital	88.42	96.07	-0.46	3.91
Worldwide Cap	164.50	178.30	-0.46	2.57
World Income	65.21	[illegible]	-0.35	4.74
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8543				
American Opps	63.57	67.79	+0.65	0.16
-do- Acc	65.50	69.92	+0.67	0.16
Cash	30.38	30.38	...	10.80
-do- Acc	33.87	33.87	...	10.80
European Opps	52.30	55.68†	+0.05	...
-do- Acc	52.65	56.02†	+0.05	...
Far East Opps	113.69	121.26	+0.32	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	123.35	+0.33	[illegible]
Gold Opps	27.27	28.71	+0.16	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.16	...
Europe Japan	64.89	69.03	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	64.89	69.03	-0.20	...
Unit Dragon	38.00	40.52	+0.20	[illegible]
-do- Acc	38.65	41.21	+0.21	[illegible]
Oriental Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.15	[illegible]
-do- Acc	38.75	41.27	+0.17	[illegible]
Tiger	[illegible]	142.38	+0.68	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	147.80	+0.77	[illegible]
UK Small Cos	54.64	58.40	-0.19	[illegible]
-do- Acc	61.35	65.47	-0.32	[illegible]
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS				
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	192.80	205.60†	-1.00	[illegible]
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	18.15	19.27	+0.15	[illegible]
Pacific Basin	25.64	27.27	+0.22	[illegible]
Canadian Gth	48.32	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penny Share	19.67	20.92	+0.04	[illegible]
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 9132				
City Reserve	55.93	55.98	+0.01	10.65
Gilt Growth	55.83	58.10	[illegible]	...
Gilt Income	47.99	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.28
Short Dtd Gilt	93.26	94.47	...	2.57
US Govmnt Bd	$0.469	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Challenger	69.11	70.79†	[illegible]	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	52.70	56.06	-0.11	3.35

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		vol '000
ASDA Gp	28,000	Cadburys	934	Lonrho	756	Royal Ins	946
Abbey Natl	1,200	Cm Union	882	Lucas	1,200	Ryl Bk Scot	347
Alld-Lyons	1,400	Courtaulds	1,700	MEPC	383	Sainsbury	4,600
Anglian W	239	Enterpr Oil	1,000	Marks Spr	7,300	Scot & New	627
Argyll Gp	3,500	Eurotnnl U	345	Maxwell C	6,400	Scot Power	2,600
Arjo Wiggn	4,500	Fisons	5,200	Midlnd Bk	2,800	Sears	1,300
AB Foods	258	Forte	4,300	NatWst Bk	2,200	Svrn Trent	1,900
BAA	1,600	GRE	7,200	Nat Power	320	Shell Trans	5,200
BAT Inds	2,000	GUS A	244	Nth Wst W	675	SmKl Bch	1,500
BET	995	Gen Acc	898	Nthrn Fds	314	Smith Nph	4,600
BICC	275	Gen Elec	10,000	P & O	707	Sun Allnce	2,000
BOC	1,200	Glaxo	3,700	Pearson	165	TSB	2,100
BP	10,000	Grand Met	1,300	Pilkington	2,500	Tarmac	2,200
BTR	2,300	Guinness	2,300	PowerGen	310	Tate & Lyle	2,800
Bk of Scot	1,600	Hanson	5,800	Prudential	7,000	Tesco	1,900
Barclays	948	Hawkr Sid	5,100	RMC	1,200	Thames W	844
Bass	340	Hillsdown	2,600	RTZ	2,700	Thrn EMI	187
Blue Circle	518	ICI	1,100	Rank Org	537	Traf House	3,200
Boots	2,200	Inchcape	1,900	Reckitt Col	1,700	Unilever	2,600
Brit Aero	1,100	Kingfisher	1,300	Redland	1,800	Utd Bisc	791
Brit Airwys	1,600	LASMO	1,000	Reed Intl	427	Vodafone	3,200
Brit Gas	12,000	Ladbroke	951	Rentokil	1,700	Wellcome	831
Brit Steel	12,000	Land Secs	160	Reuters	576	Whitbd 'A'	1,600
Brit Tele	4,100	Legal & Gn	105	Rolls Royce	2,700	Wlms Hld	452
Cable Wire	5,100	Lloyds Bk	818	Rothmans	691	Willis Crrn	2,800

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday)
Dow Jones .... 2933.36 (+3.35)
S&P Composite ...... 379.42 (+0.89)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 23177.84 (-22.02)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4234.57 (+33.63)

FT-SE Euro 100 1071.97 (-4.03)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 90.7 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO .... 1646.6 (+13.9)

Frankfurt: DAX .. 1598.10 (-0.95)

Brussels:
General .... 5490.88 (-13.46)

Paris: CAC .... 479.29 (-5.40)

Zurich: SKA Gen ...... 476.0 (-3.0)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1190.69 (-4.08)
FT 500 .... 1332.29 (-3.69)
FT Gold Mines .... 157.8 (+1.3)
FT Fixed interest ..... 96.20 (-0.19)
FT Govt Secs .... 86.48 (-0.24)
Bargains 24905
SEAQ Volume 534.1m
USM (Datastream) 142.63 (+1.37)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 18	November 29	February 20	March 2

Call options were taken out on 21/11/91: Berisford Intl, Bimec Inds, Brent Walker, British Aerospace, Cabra Estates, Conroy Petroleum, Arthur Lee, Lep Group, Mountleigh, Northern Foods, Steetley, Wheway. Puts: Tullow Oil, Mirror Group.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 91	2486.0	2489.0	2470.0	2482.0	8563
Previous open interest: 36306	Mar 92	2516.0	2519.5	2513.0	2518.5	172
Three Month Sterling	Dec 91	89.53	89.56	89.37	89.42	18701
Previous open interest: 165301	Mar 92	89.92	89.97	89.77	89.82	23561
	Jun 92	90.08	90.12	89.98	89.99	4051
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 91	94.95	95.03	94.95	95.03	1250
Previous open interest: 38456	Mar 92	95.15	95.20	95.14	95.20	1223
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 91	90.51	90.56	90.49	90.55	6798
Previous open interest: 179160	Mar 92	90.87	90.95	90.84	90.85	14703
US Treasury Bond	Dec 91	100-06	100-13	100-04	100-08	1434
Previous open interest: 5388	Mar 92	99-10	99-10	99-08	99-11	26
Long Gilt	Dec 91	95-04	95-04	94-12	94-17	31210
Previous open interest: 50359	Mar 92	95-04	95-04	94-17	94-23	632
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 91	99.79	99.81	99.79	99.81	7
	Mar 92	99.96	100.03	99.96	100.00	391
German Govmt Bond	Dec 91	86.24	86.27	86.11	86.15	37238
Previous open interest: 91838	Mar 92	86.70	86.70	86.58	86.62	4583
Three month ECU	Dec 91	89.96	90.00	89.95	89.95	840
Previous open interest: 5223	Mar 92	90.33	90.37	90.32	90.34	661
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 91	91.90	91.92	91.88	91.90	1405
Previous open interest: 25028	Mar 92	92.30	92.38	92.27	92.30	949
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 91	96.94	97.02	96.75	96.84	5635
Previous open interest: 18632	Mar 92	97.05	97.05	96.87	96.88	356

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	550	54	76	82	8½	16	24
(*601)	600	25	45	54	29	36	45
ASDA	34	8	9	-	2½	4	-
(*39)	43	3½	5½	-	8	9½	-
Bass	900	55	72	-	17	25	-
(*946)	950	19	44	62	47	54	57
Boots	420	24	39	45	9	16	21
(*433)	460	6	18	23	35	38	42
Br Airways	200	14	21	25	9	14	19
(*207)	220	5½	14	16	22	25	29
BP	300	21	27	30	5½	8½	11½
(*314)	330	5½	11	16	21	23	26
Br Steel	80	3½	6	9	8	10	12
(*79)	90	1½	3	5	17	17	18
C & W	500	40	58	68	11	17	25
(*527)	550	14	31	41	35	42	47
CU	460	22	30	39	12½	27	31
(*460)	500	6½	13	22	42	53	56
Courtauld.	460	33	49	55	9	14	19
(*479)	500	13	28	34	29	31	36
GKN	300	17	23	26	13	23	27
(*300)	330	5	11	16	33	43	45
Grnd Met	800	50	67	87	18	27	32
(*836)	850	22	40	60	45	53	57
ICI	1200	53	75	95	35	63	70
(*1199)	1250	29	50	73	63	94	98
Kingfishr	500	43	62	67	6	12	18
(*526)	550	14	30	40	29	35	41
Ladbroke	249	19	27	-	6½	13	-
(*260)	268	8½	16	-	17	22	-
Land Sec	460	40	53	57	3½	7	13
(*495)	500	13	27	32	19	23	30
M & S	280	23	32	36	5	7	11
(*291)	300	11	20	24	13	15	20
Sainsbury.	326	13	-	-	13	-	-
(*324)	356	3½	-	-	38	-	-
Shell	500	20	25	36	13	26	28
(*502)	550	4½	7½	15½	53	61	61
Smkl Bch.	800	37	60	79	26	37	42
(*802)	850	16	37	55	57	65	70
Storehse	90	12	16	18	5	7	9
(*99)	100	6	10	12	10	12	14
Trafalgar	211	14	-	-	12	-	-
(*216)	231	5	-	-	27	-	-
Ultramar	300	31	36	-	13	17	-
(*329)	330	14	20	-	25	33	-
Unilever	800	45	63	77	14	27	32
(*827)	850	19	35	51	40	53	57
Utd Bisc	360	32	41	45	4½	11	14
(*382)	390	14	22	28	17	26	28

November 21, 1991 Tot: 45156 Call: 28232 Put: 16924 FT-SE Call: 3069 Put: 4660
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	460	42	54	62	13	18	21
(*489)	500	17	33	40	33	38	40
BAT Ind	600	50	60	67	12	20	27
(*627)	650	22	33	40	33	43	54
BTR	360	31	37	43	8	15	17
(*377)	390	14	18	27	22	31	33
Br Aero	300	37	42	43	8	18	20
(*323)	330	19	24	28	22	37	40
Br Telcm	330	28	39	44	8½	12	16
(*349)	360	13	22	27	23	26	29
Cadbury	390	33	40	50	12	25	29
(*401)	420	18	25	35	30	40	43
Guinness	500	29	40	50	16	24	25
(*505)	525	17	28	-	30	35	-
GEC	180	13	17½	20	5	7½	11
(*186)	200	4½	8½	10½	18	19	23
Hanson	200	9½	14½	17	12	14	15½
(*202)	220	2½	6½	9	27½	29	30
LASMO	280	30	37	43	14	21	24
(*300)	300	18	26	33	24	32	35
Lucas	120	12	16	19	6	8	8½
(*125)	130	7	10½	13	12	14	15
P & O	472	26	-	-	22	-	-
(*466)	519	8½	15	-	55	67	-
Pilkingtn	130	12	17	18	10	11	16
(*133)	140	6	12	12	17	19	23
Prudential	220	21	25	28	6	11	14
(*228)	240	9	14	18	16	22	24
Racal Elc	51	7½	-	-	2	-	-
(*56)	60	3	-	-	6½	-	-
RTZ	500	42	53	62	14	24	28
(*518)	550	17	26	37	40	50	53
Scot New	360	40	51	57	6	9	12
(*392)	390	20	33	37	18	21	24
Tesco	200	21	27	31	5	8	10
(*213)	220	11	15	20	14	17	19
Thames W	350	15	-	-	14	-	-
(*344)	370	7	-	-	30	-	-
Vodafone	330	37	50	60	8	12	15
(*351)	360	19	31	45	20	25	32

FT-SE INDEX (*2463)

	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650
Calls						
Nov	70	32	9	2½	1	½
Dec	107	70	43	25	12	6
Jan	136	102	71	47	27	19
Feb	150	131	85	70	50	30
Puts						
Nov	11	24	55	99	145	195
Dec	30	49	71	107	145	195
Jan	42	58	80	110	147	192
Feb	53	66	95	117	152	184

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat.	260	23	30	34	2	7	9
(*277)	280	7½	16	21	7½	16	18
Amstrad	30	4	6½	7½	2½	4	5
(*31)	35	1½	4	6	5½	7	8
Barclays	360	29	39	42	3½	10	13½
(*386)	390	9	21	25	13	25	29
Blue Circ	220	12	21	25	4½	9½	15
(*225)	240	3	12	14	16	20	26
Br Gas	240	20	23	27	2½	7	9½
(*256)	260	5	11½	16	9	15	20
Dixons	220	12	21	29	5½	12	15
(*225)	240	3½	11	19	17	23	26
Eurotnnl	390	22	45	62	17	30	35
(*395)	420	9	30	45	38	48	55
Forte	260	9	19	25	5	10	15
(*261)	280	2½	10	14	21	22	27
Glaxo	750	35	65	87	17	34	42
(*770)	800	14	40	63	46	60	65
Hawker	700	27	42	47	5	8	15
(*720)	750	4	14	18	37	39	44
Hillsdwn	180	8	-	18	4½	-	13
(*184)	197	1½	7½	-	16	18	-
Lonrho	220	10	16	19	6	16	19
(*223)	240	2½	7	11	19	30	33
Midland	200	22	31	42	1½	7	8
(*220)	220	10	18	27	8	14	15
Reuter	850	38	72	90	17	38	45
(*871)	900	14	45	73	46	64	75
R-Royce	130	8	13	15	4	8	10
(*134)	140	3	7½	9½	10	15	16
Sears	90	9	13½	16	2	5	6½
(*96)	100	3	8	10½	7	9½	11
Thm Emi.	750	30	47	67	8	22	29
(*765)	800	6	23	42	40	51	56
TSB	120	9	13	16	2	5½	7½
(*126)	130	4	7	11	7	12½	14
Vaal Reefs	60	8½	11½	14	1½	5	6½
(*66)	70	2	6	9	7	10	13
Wellcome.	850	35	72	99	25½	45	59
(*860)	900	16	49	77	60	75	75
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Fisons	390	24	34	43	11	17	19
(*400)	420	9½	19	29	29	34	37
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Elc	230	14	19	-	10	12	-
(*235)	250	5	11	-	23	24	-
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	140	9½	12½	18	3	7	8
(*147)	160	2	5½	8	17	19	20
Scot Pwr	100	4	-	-	3½	-	-
(*100)	110	1	4½	7	11	14½	15

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Cocoa futures closed near the day's lows in lacklustre trade, still drifting in their current range. Robusta coffee futures closed unchanged after peaking at a new seven month second position high, while the dollar contract finished mostly higher. Wheat futures lacked direction, although physical prices moved higher. The market traded in anticipation of restitution results.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Dec	728-726	Mar	887-885
Mar	767-766	May	905 SLR
May	790-788	Jul	924-921
Jul	812-811	Sep	938-935
Sep	834-833		
Dec	861-859		Volume: 7437

COFFEE (ROBUSTA)

Sep	unq	May	unq
Nov	605-602	Jul	unq
Jan	609-608	Sep	unq
Mar	593 BID		Volume: 5317

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Aug	189.0-87.0
Spot: n/a		Oct	188.6-87.0
Dec	unq	Dec	188.6-79.0
Mar	184.6-83.0	Mar	193.6-74.0
May	185.0-83.0		Volume: 445

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	279.0-76.0
Spot: 274.8		Oct	256.0-54.0
Dec	unq	Dec	254.0-51.0
Mar	276.0-74.0	Mar	253.5-50.0
May	276.0-74.0		Volume: 489

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	89.05	146.94	104.65
(+/-)	+0.65	*-2.16	-0.44
Eng/Wales:	89.05	147.14	104.55
(+/-)	+0.39	-2.80	-0.01
(%)	-86.3	-29.5	-15.2
Scotland:	n/a	145.94	105.89
(+/-)	n/a	+0.97	-1.88
(%)	n/a	-30.1	-65.6

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Nov	unq	105.0	Feb	105.0	104.5
Jan	103.5	103.8			Volume: 27

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	121.50
Jan	124.20
Mar	127.50
May	130.50
Jun	132.15
	Volume: 369

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	115.90
Jan	118.50
Mar	121.50
May	123.50
Sep	unq
	Volume: 128

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Dec	127.30
Feb	128.30
Apr	128.00
Jun	122.30
Aug	123.00
	Volume: 118

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	130.3	129.5
Apr	130.5	129.6
May	unq	146.0
		Volume: 117

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Dec 51.75-50.75

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London

6.00pm: Believing that the recent drop in prices may have been overdone, traders bought back into the market.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.90	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Dec)	20.95	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Jan)	20.90	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	22.15	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	22.00	+0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	Bid: 236 (n/c)	Offer: 239 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	206 (+3)	207 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Dec	205 (+1)	206 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	206 (n/c)	208 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	86 (n/c)	87 (n/c)
Naphtha	212 (-2)	215 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

Dec	203.50-03.25	Apr	187.00-86.50
Jan	204.50 SLR	May	182.00-80.50
Feb	200.25-00.00	Jun	178.00-77.25
Mar	194.00-93.50		Vol: 9217

BRENT

Dec	20.80-20.85	Feb	20.65-20.70
Jan	20.85-20.90		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

Nov 91	High: 1625	Low: 1625	Close: 1632
Dec 91	1666	1630	1673
Jan 92	1700	1685	1700
Apr 92	1700	1685	1700

Vol: 362 lots. Open int'st: 2624 Index 1595 -3

FOX MGMI INDEX

Nov	Bid: unq	Offer: unq
Jan	Bid: unq	Offer: unq
Jun	Bid: unq	Offer: unq
(5pm prices)		Volume: 0

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1313.0-1314.0	1295.5-1296.0	834375
Lead (£/tonne)	284.00-284.25	295.50-295.75	81325
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1183.5-1184.0	1183.0-1184.0	412350
Tin ($/tonne)	5490.0-5497.0	5550.0-5555.0	4930
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1127.0-1127.5	1154.5-1155.0	709350
Nickel ($/tonne)	7165.0-7170.0	7230.0-7240.0	20484

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 91.2 (day's range 91.2-91.3).

Mkt Rates for Nov 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2283-3.2444	3.2283-3.2319	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	58.92-59.35	58.92-59.14	8-4pr	15-10pr
Copenhagen	11.1288-11.1865	11.1288-11.1530	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0750-1.0790	1.0773-1.0783	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	2.8698-2.8805	2.8698-2.8732	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	250.07-251.77	250.14-251.18	24-51ds	90-164ds
Madrid	181.71-182.78	182.13-182.77	28-41ds	96-111ds
Milan	2167.63-2174.91	2167.63-2172.43	1-3ds	5-7ds
Montreal	2.0276-2.0407	2.0369-2.0407	0.55-0.46pr	1.05-0.94pr
New York	1.7920-1.7990	1.7970-1.7980	0.89-0.88pr	2.44-2.42pr
Oslo	11.2654-11.3156	11.2654-11.2896	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.7883-9.8328	9.7883-9.8027	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	10.4711-10.5195	10.4711-10.4949	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	232.24-233.24	232.80-233.11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	20.1605-20.2627	20.1605-20.1897	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.5490-2.5568	2.5490-2.5523	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Barclays. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

Argentina austral*	17805.1-17833.0
Australia dollar	2.2700-2.2728
Bahrain dinar	0.672-0.680
Brazil cruzeiro*	1376.03-1377.34
Cyprus pound	0.805-0.815
Finland marka	7.7425-7.8025
Greece drachma	325.15-328.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.9261-13.9357
India rupee	46.06-46.46
Kuwait dinar KD	0.508-0.514
Malaysia ringgit	4.9166-4.9212
Mexico peso	5460-5560
New Zealand dollar	3.1628-3.1702
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6825-6.7625
Singapore dollar	2.9843-2.9879
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3969-5.4824
S Africa rand (com)	4.9962-5.0044
U A E dirham	6.545-6.625

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.

Australia	1.2635-1.2643
Austria	11.24-11.26
Belgium (Com)	32.92-32.96
Canada	1.1334-1.1339
Denmark	6.2050-6.2100
France	5.4520-5.4570
Germany	1.5975-1.5985
Hong Kong	7.7522-7.7532
Ireland	1.6670-1.6685
Italy	1206.5-1207.5
Japan	129.55-129.65
Malaysia	2.7368-2.7378
Netherlands	1.7985-1.7995
Norway	6.2800-6.2850
Portugal	139.70-139.90
Singapore	1.6610-1.6620
Spain	101.55-101.65
Sweden	5.8350-5.8400
Switzerland	1.4178-1.4185

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10½ Finance Hse 10½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11 Low 10½ Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 10½, close 11.

Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	4.75-4.70	5.08-5.03	4.93-4.88	4.93-4.88	5.03-4.98
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

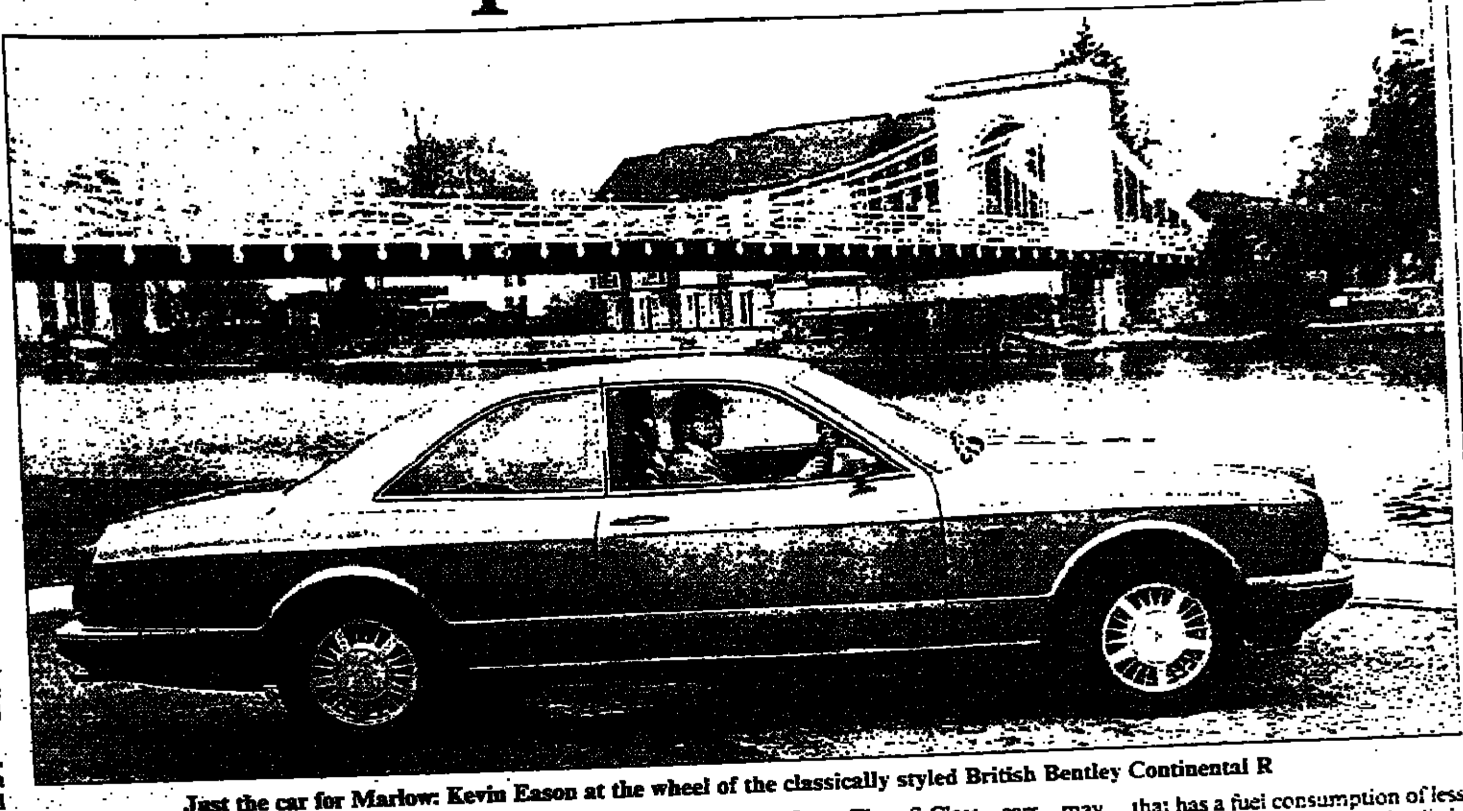
ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1991 Agreed rates Nov 26, 1991 to Dec 24, 1991 Scheme I: 11.68%. Schemes II & III: 11.68% Reference rate Oct 1, 1991 to Oct 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 10.447%.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4⅞	5-4⅞	4¾-4
Deutschemark:	9¼-9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	6¼-6	6¼-6	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Bullion: Open $363.70-364.00 Close: $364.30-364.80 Low: $363.40-363.90 High: $364.30-364.80 Krugerrand: $364.00-365.00 (£202.50-203.50)
Sovereigns: Old $85.75-86.75 (£47.75-48.75) New $85.50-86.50 (£47.50-48.50)
Platinum: $373.75 (£207.85); Silver: $4.11 (£2.285) Palladium: $85.25 (£47.40)

Business or pleasure, Sir?

Rolls and Mercedes claim the top car title. **Kevin Eason** is the first motoring writer to put their new cars to the test



RICHARD REED

Just the car for Marlow: Kevin Eason at the wheel of the classically styled British Bentley Continental R

Many manufacturers claim to build the world's finest cars. Only a few, however, can aspire to that blend of engineering excellence and style that marks out a car as exceptional enough to be a classic.

The lack of genuine contenders only spices the prospect of a contest when two of the world's most famous manufacturers simultaneously launch cars that claim the title. They come from Rolls-Royce and Mercedes-Benz and are as different as plus-fours and *Lederhosen*.

The Bentley Continental R, Rolls-Royce's first all-new car for a decade and the first newly styled Bentley since 1952, oozes all those British virtues of wood and leather, which nobody else can imitate. Rolls-Royce, however, retains the sort of discretion a Savile Row tailor would use when questioned about a customer's expansive waist measurements.

Mercedes-Benz is far less modest and claims that its imposing, powerful S-Class cars, packed with the latest technology, are "designed without compromise to be the finest in the world".

These are cars available only to the lucky few who can afford to pay between £60,000 and £175,000 for vehicles that are an investment as well as a means of transport.

I drove both on the same day. It was a rare chance to put the vehicles through their paces and examine the virtues of two cars that will be considered the best anywhere in the world.

I was the first journalist to test-drive the new Continental R in the form of a pre-production model. The only cars being made next year are the 280 already booked by customers who have paid a £20,000 deposit for the pleasure of owning the £175,000 vehicles. That is a huge price for a classic that is often packed into a shed purely as an investment, and is rarely driven or seen in public.

Peter Ward, the Rolls chief executive, insists that no matter how expensive, the Continental R is to be driven, not "jacked up on bricks to make money".

His insistence was believable the instant I depressed the throttle pedal to unleash the power of the turbo-charged 6.7-litre engine. Response is immediate, pushing driver and passenger back into the snug leather armchairs. From then on, the Bentley is a driver's dream. Suspension is tauter than many Rolls or Bentley owners might be used to, but that enables a 17ft long car weighing nearly 2.5 tonnes to cruise through corners without a tremor or roll.

The engine and transmission are largely carried over from the successful Bentley Turbo saloon and is a joy. Changes from the automatic gearbox are seamless and the turbo boost cuts in without the slightest hint of delay, a lag that often mars the performance of turbo-charged cars.

The car does not completely conform to the Rolls-Royce maxim that all that should be heard is the ticking of the clock, for there is a great deal of pleasure in hearing 6.7 litres of engine changing from a purr to a roar on acceleration.

There is little to say about the interior except that it is pure Rolls-Royce, cosy, comforting and luxurious. The only concession to modernity is the inclusion of buttons on the stereo for a compact disc player placed discreetly out of sight in the boot.

Stepping from the Bentley to the S-Class is like leaving an English sitting-room for a modern office. The S-Class cars may attempt to pamper with a walnut fascia but they mean business. There are so many dashboard buttons that the driver could be sitting at the wheel of an IBM computer on wheels. The technology ranges from double-glazed windows to self-closing doors.

The comforts, including heated seats, are astonishing. There is a terrific new stereo system. And the ride is as smooth as silk. The £63,000 version of the 4-litre 400SE, which I tested, was probably the quietest car I have ever driven, with almost no intrusion of wind, tyre or engine noise.

The dashboard consists of the customary severe black and white dials, of which there are so many as to be confusing. A quaint touch is a fuel economy meter in a car that has a fuel consumption of less than 17mpg. There can be little doubt that Mercedes has produced the most technologically complete luxury car in the world. The chauffeur will enjoy driving it for the executive who needs to cover thousands of motorway miles on business in comfort.

There lies the essential difference between the S-Class and the Continental R. The S-Class is a highly efficient workhorse, but the Bentley is the one to load up for a long leisurely drive to the south of France.

The Bentley captures the imagination and lingers in the memory. If there can be any definition of the finest car in the world, maybe the Bentley fulfils it as a car that does not need the test of time before it is a legend.

Magnificent Mercedes: German technology and as smooth as silk

HOW THE RIVALS COMPARE

BENTLEY CONTINENTAL R

Price: £175,000.

Engine: 6.75-litre V8, turbo-charged engine driving rear wheels through four-speed automatic gearbox. Anti-lock brakes and power steering standard.

Performance: 0 to 60mph in seven seconds, top speed limited electronically to 145mph. Fuel economy less than 20mpg, but if you need to ask, you cannot afford to buy this car.

MERCEDES S-CLASS

Price: £45,700-£89,600. Car tested cost £53,450. Metallic paint, electric front seats, climate control and extras take price to £63,786.

Engine: range from 3.2-litre, 231bhp to 6-litre V12, developing 408bhp. Car tested was 400SE with 4.2-litre, 286bhp V8 plus anti-lock brakes and power steering.

Performance for 400SE: 0 to 60mph in 7.7 seconds, top speed 150mph, fuel consumption 16.7mpg.

ROADWISE

Green and economical

GOING green could save motorists money, claims one of Britain's biggest component manufacturers. Lucas says it is saving 100 million kilowatt hours of energy annually, the equivalent of 10,000 domestic fires operating 24 hours a day for a year, by recycling starter motors and alternators. The parts are remanufactured using 70 per cent of the existing components. The bargain is that the replacement part is up to 20 per cent cheaper and is said to be just as good.

Sterling deal

ALTHOUGH Rover has pulled its Sterling model out of the United States, the company still has to satisfy its customers. No new cars are being sold there and the company says Sterling's 118 dealers have sold out. However, dealers will be encouraged to offer guarantees of servicing and parts supply with bonuses worth up to £20,000 for those who meet customer satisfaction targets.

Gripping news

PEUGEOT has added a 4x4 derivative to its 405 estate range. With 57.8 cu ft of load-carrying space when the rear seats are folded, the 405 estate is one of the biggest hauliers in its class. Four-wheel drive adds grip. The 405 GLx4 estate costs £14,245.

Volvo victory

THE Caravan Club Towcar of the Year was the Volvo 940SE turbo, chosen after two days of testing. The Volvo won the overall title and the class for cars costing between £14,000 and £19,250. The winner in the diesel towcar class was the Citroën XM Turbo. Citroën's ZX Avantage also won the under-£10,000 car class. Vauxhall's new Astra SRi won the class for cars between £10,000 and £14,000 and the best towing vehicle costing more than £19,250 was the Audi 100 2.8E. The Mitsubishi Shogun turbo diesel won the all-terrain category.

Best for business

VAUXHALL took most of the PHH Allstar Motor Manufacturers awards for fleet cars. The company won the classes for business cars costing up to £12,000 and those between £12,000 and £17,000, and awards for environment, security and enterprise. BMW won the two remaining awards for best manufacturer in the executive class between £17,000 and £23,000 and for boardroom class cars costing more than £23,000.

Relief on the way

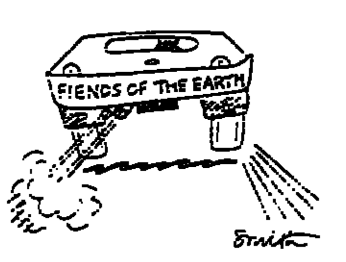
RELIEF at last for drivers who set out on the M40 and find there are no services. Esso and Granada are to develop the first service station at junction 10 at Ardley, halfway between London and Birmingham on the 90-mile route. Completion is expected in 1993.

Ford forges ahead

FORD has made the 500,000th 2-litre double overhead camshaft petrol engine at Dagenham, Essex. Dagenham is the sole European source for the 2-litre engine, which goes into Escorts, Sierras and commercial vehicles. Between 75 and 80 per cent of the plant's entire engine output goes for export.

Envy before eco

COMPANY car snobs swap environmental needs for their image in the business hierarchy, according to Cowie Interleasing. Cowie interviewed 500 company drivers and found that 88 per cent believe the environment to be important when choosing a car. Yet fewer than a third would change to diesel, which is 30 per cent more fuel-efficient, and half regard top speed as more important than fuel economy. The survey underlines the feeling that company drivers consider it more important to have a car with image than one with low fuel consumption.



Big spender

FIAT is attacking the recession by spending £18 billion in the next ten years. Giovanni Agnelli, Fiat's chairman, assembled more than 1,000 senior managers to tell them that 18 new Fiats, Lancias and Alfa Romeos will be launched by the end of 1996. Spending will include £6 billion on research and £8 billion on development.

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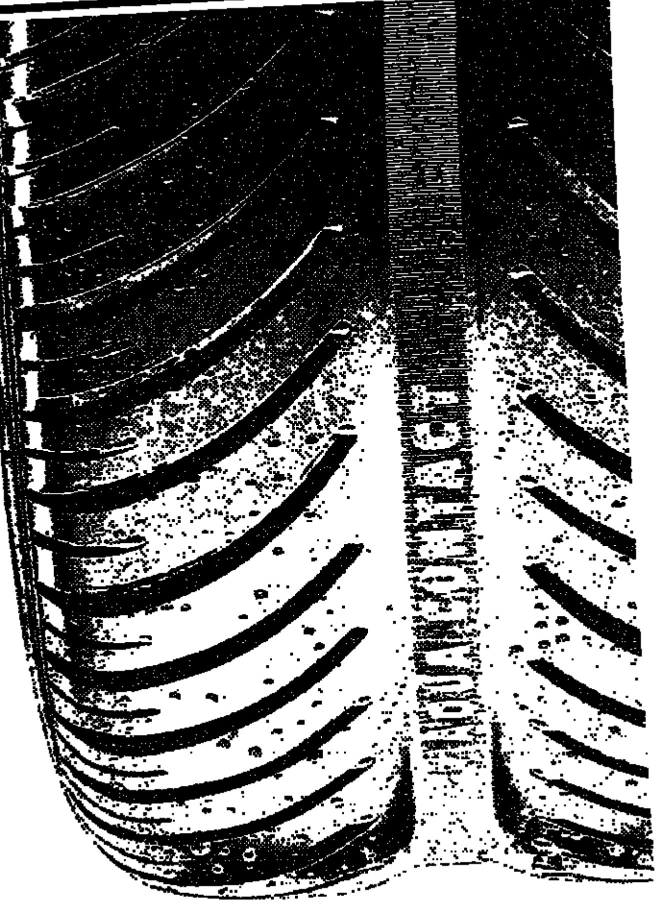
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(2) THE land has ceased to be so used and by virtue of section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 became subject to a trust to sell the land and to stand possessed of the net proceeds of sale and of the net rents and profits until sale upon trust for the persons who but for that Act would from time to time be entitled to the ownership of the land by virtue of its reverter

(3) THE Trustees intend to sell the land and now hold it upon the last mentioned Trust

NOW THE TRUSTEES GIVE NOTICE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE Trustees propose to apply to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales under section 2 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 for an Order establishing a scheme with respect to the land subject to the said Trust which will:

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(ALL IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On 11 November 1991 the above named companies were placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen & Co., PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT was appointed Liquidator by the Members.

The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details in writing, of any claim against any of the companies to the Liquidator, at the above address, by 10 January 1992

The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 10 February 1992 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 10 January 1992 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.

The companies are able to pay all of their known creditors in full

DATED 15 NOVEMBER 1991
M FISHMAN

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 0012462 1991
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF LAPORTE ESD LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a Petition was on 1st November 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above named Company from £9 000 000 to £695,000

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Monday the 2nd Day of December 1991

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

Dated this 23rd day
of November 1991
Charles Russell
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Solicitors
for the above named Company.

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IN LIQUIDATION
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Dated 20th November 1991.
Panos Eliades BSc. DIS. FCA.
LIQUIDATOR.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up (Members)
Pursuant to section 109 of
The Insolvency Act 1986

Company Number. 785196. Name of company: SS Realisations UK Six Limited. Previous names of company: (1) Gordon Russell Interiors Limited. (2) S. D. Contracts Limited. (3) Harvey Fabrication Limited. (4) Hackremco (NO21) Limited Nature of business: Dormant. Type of liquidation: (Members) Address of registered office: P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT Liquidator name and address. Mr. Martin Fishman. PO Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT Office holder number: 6470. Date of appointment: 11 November 1991. By whom appointed: Members Date: 15.11.91. Mr. Martin Fishman. Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up (Members)
Pursuant to section 109 of
The Insolvency Act 1986

Company Number 368020 Name of company. SS Realisations UK Eight Limited. Previous names of company (1) Gordon Russell Designs Limited. (2) Safety Storage Systems Limited. (3) Butterfield-Harvey (Distribution) Limited Nature of business: Dormant. Type of liquidation: (Members) Address of registered office. P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT Liquidator name and address: Mr. Martin Fishman PO Box 55 1 Surrey Street. London WC2R 2NT, Office holder number: 6470. Date of appointment: 11 November 1991. By whom appointed. Members Date: 15.11.91. Mr. Martin Fishman. Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up (Members)
Pursuant to section 109 of
The Insolvency Act 1986

Company Number: 785193. Name of company. SS Realisations UK Seven Limited. Previous names of company: (1) Gordon Russell Spacecraft Limited. (2) G A. Harvey Group Services Limited. Nature of business: Dormant Type of liquidation: (Members). Address of registered office: P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Liquidator name and address. Mr Martin Fishman. PO Box 55 1 Surrey Street. London WC2R 2NT. Office holder number: 6470. Date of appointment. 11 November 1991. By whom appointed: Members Date: 15.11.91. Mr. Martin Fishman, Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up (Members)
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Just the car for Marlow: Kevin Eason at the wheel of the classically styled British Bentley Continental R

Many manufacturers claim to build the world's finest cars. Only a few, however, can aspire to that blend of engineering excellence and style that marks out a car as exceptional enough to be a classic.

The lack of genuine contenders only spices the prospect of a contest when two of the world's most famous manufacturers simultaneously launch cars that claim the title. They come from Rolls-Royce and Mercedes-Benz and are as different as plus-fours and *Lederhosen*.

The Bentley Continental R, Rolls-Royce's first all-new car for a decade and the first newly styled Bentley since 1952, oozes all those British virtues of wood and leather, which nobody else can imitate. Rolls-Royce, however, retains the sort of discretion a Savile Row tailor would use when questioned about a customer's expansive waist measurements.

Mercedes-Benz is far less modest and claims that its imposing, powerful S-Class cars, packed with the latest technology, are "designed without compromise to be the finest in the world".

These are cars available only to the lucky few who can afford to pay between £60,000 and £175,000 for vehicles that are an investment as well as a means of transport.

I drove both on the same day. It was a rare chance to put the vehicles through their paces and examine the virtues of two cars that will be considered the best anywhere in the world.

I was the first journalist to test-drive the new Continental R in the form of a pre-production model. The only cars being made next year are the 280 already booked by customers who have paid a £20,000 deposit for the pleasure of owning the £175,000 vehicles. That is a huge price for a classic that is often packed into a shed purely as an investment, and is rarely driven or seen in public.

Peter Ward, the Rolls chief executive, insists that no matter how expensive, the Continental R is to be driven, not "jacked up on bricks to make money".

His insistence was believable the instant I depressed the throttle pedal to unleash the power of the turbo-charged 6.7-litre engine. Response is immediate, pushing driver and passenger back into the snug leather armchairs. From then on, the Bentley is a driver's dream. Suspension is tauter than many Rolls or Bentley owners might be used to, but that enables a 17ft long car weighing nearly 2.5 tonnes to cruise through corners without a tremor or roll.

The engine and transmission are largely carried over from the successful Bentley Turbo saloon and is a joy. Changes from the automatic gearbox are seamless and the turbo boost cuts in without the slightest hint of delay, a lag that often mars the performance of turbo-charged cars.

The car does not completely conform to the Rolls-Royce maxim that all that should be heard is the ticking of the clock, for there is a great deal of pleasure in hearing 6.7 litres of engine changing from a purr to a roar on acceleration.

There is little to say about the interior except that it is pure Rolls-Royce, cosy, comforting and luxurious. The only concession to modernity is the inclusion of buttons on the stereo for a compact disc player placed discreetly out of sight in the boot.

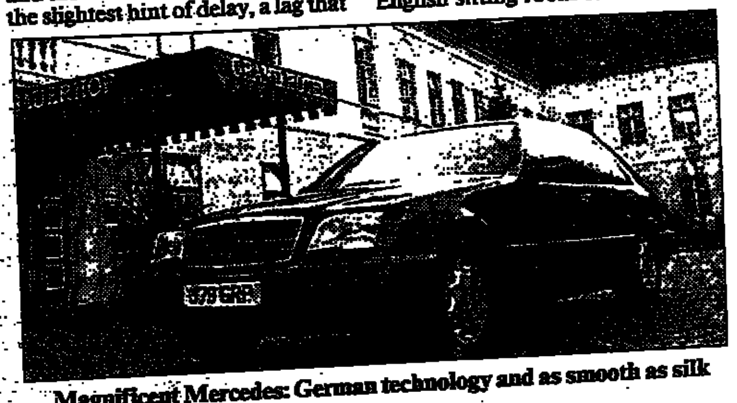
Stepping from the Bentley to the S-Class is like leaving an English sitting-room for a modern office. The S-Class cars may attempt to pamper with a walnut fascia but they mean business. There are so many dashboard buttons that the driver could be sitting at the wheel of an IBM computer on wheels. The technology ranges from double-glazed windows to self-closing doors.

The comforts, including heated seats, are astonishing. There is a terrific new stereo system. And the ride is as smooth as silk. The £63,000 version of the 4-litre 400SE, which I tested, was probably the quietest car I have ever driven, with almost no intrusion of wind, tyre or engine noise.

The dashboard consists of the customary severe black and white dials, of which there are so many as to be confusing. A quaint touch is a fuel economy meter in a car that has a fuel consumption of less than 17mpg. There can be little doubt that Mercedes has produced the most technologically complete luxury car in the world. The chauffeur will enjoy driving it for the executive who needs to cover thousands of motorway miles on business in comfort.

There lies the essential difference between the S-Class and the Continental R. The S-Class is a highly efficient workhorse, but the Bentley is the one to load up for a long leisurely drive to the south of France.

The Bentley captures the imagination and lingers in the memory. If there can be any definition of the finest car in the world, maybe the Bentley fulfils it as a car that does not need the test of time before it is a legend.



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Performance for 400SE: 0 to 60mph in 7.7 seconds, top speed 150mph, fuel consumption 16.7mpg.

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Green and economical

GOING green could save motorists money, claims one of Britain's biggest component manufacturers. Lucas says it is saving 100 million kilowatt hours of energy annually, the equivalent of 10,000 domestic fires operating 24 hours a day for a year, by recycling starter motors and alternators. The parts are remanufactured using 70 per cent of the existing components. The bargain is that the replacement part is up to 20 per cent cheaper and is said to be just as good.

Sterling deal

ALTHOUGH Rover has pulled its Sterling model out of the United States, the company still has to satisfy its customers. No new cars are being sold there and the company says Sterling's 118 dealers have sold out. However, dealers will be encouraged to offer guarantees of servicing and parts supply with bonuses worth up to £20,000 for those who meet customer satisfaction targets.

Gripping news

PEUGEOT has added a 4x4 derivative to its 405 estate range. With 57.8 cu ft of load-carrying space when the rear seats are folded, the 405 estate is one of the biggest hauliers in its class. Four-wheel drive adds grip. The 405 GLx4 estate costs £14,245.

Volvo victory

THE Caravan Club Towcar of the Year was the Volvo 940SE turbo, chosen after two days of testing. The Volvo won the overall title and the class for cars costing between £14,000 and £19,250. The winner in the diesel towcar class was the Citroën XM Turbo. Citroën's ZX Avantage also won the under-£10,000 car class. Vauxhall's new Astra SRi won the class for cars between £10,000 and £14,000 and the best towing vehicle costing more than £19,250 was the Audi 1002.8E. The Mitsubishi Shogun turbo diesel won the all-terrain category.

Best for business

VAUXHALL took most of the PHH Allstar Motor Manufacturers awards for fleet cars. The company won the classes for business cars costing up to £12,000 and those between £12,000 and £17,000, and awards for environment, security and enterprise. BMW won the two remaining awards for best manufacturer in the executive class between £17,000 and £23,000 and for boardroom class cars costing more than £23,000.

Relief on the way

RELIEF at last for drivers who set out on the M40 and find there are no services. Esso and Granada are to develop the first service station at junction 10 at Ardley, halfway between London and Birmingham on the 90-mile route. Completion is expected in 1993.

Ford forges ahead

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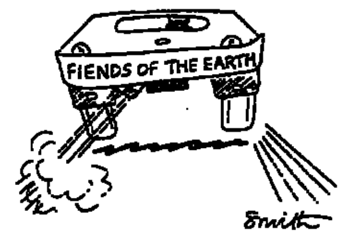
Envy before eco

COMPANY car snobs swap environmental needs for their image in the business hierarchy, according to Cowie Interleasing. Cowie interviewed 500 company drivers and found that 88 per cent believe the environment to be important when choosing a car. Yet fewer than a third would change to diesel, which is 30 per cent more fuel-efficient, and half regard top speed as more important than fuel economy. The survey underlines the feeling that company drivers consider it more important to have a car with image than one with low fuel consumption.



Big spender

FIAT is attacking the recession by spending £18 billion in the next ten years. Giovanni Agnelli, Fiat's chairman, assembled more than 1,000 senior managers to tell them that 18 new Fiats, Lancias and Alfa Romeos will be launched by the end of 1996. Spending will include £6 billion on research and £8 billion on development.

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By Brian Collett

EXPANSION during recession is a rarity, especially in the office equipment market. Interfax Systems, however, which supplies and leases photocopiers, fax machines and telephone systems, has increased turnover and profits every year since its formation in October 1986. Even in 1990, the company boosted turnover by 23 per cent and pre-tax profits by 28 per cent. It is on target for another increase this year.

Now Interfax has decided to tell other smaller companies how to cope with current market conditions. A seminar, *Positioning for Recovery*, will offer advice to small businesses that are struggling or looking for ways to expand. Subjects for the seminar, to be held at the Roof Garden, Kensington, west London, on Tuesday, will range from cost control and tax planning to investment. Speakers will include Sir Trevor Holdsworth, chairman of National Power, Ronald Gulliver, a chartered accountant and senior partner in Nabarro Nathanson, the law firm, and Bernard Tominey, a director of Maxwell Communication Corporation.

David Shilingis, an Interfax director, says: "We believe that if you have a positive attitude you can ride the recession and continue to grow profitably." The Interfax philosophy comes from the four directors who started the company in Bermondsey, south London, and built it around service rather than cut-price products. James Abrahart, the managing director, says the company's service department gets to 60 per cent of customers within four hours of receiving repair calls. Workforce incentives have been used to stimulate the service. Payments are made to the whole engineering team for responses made inside four hours, and engineers receive £25 bonuses when they receive complimentary letters from customers.

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A helping hand below stairs

By Simon Walsh

RECRUITING and preparing domestic help for wealthy households is a business which has been honed to success by Fay McGrath, first in America and now in Britain. Ten years ago, in San Diego, California, she was, in her own words, "a middle-aged, displaced home-maker". She was divorced, aged 50, and her 43rd job application had been rejected.

With her Auntie Fay Agencies she is now a member of six American Chambers of Commerce and widely recognised as a voice of the small business community. There are five Auntie Fay agencies thriving in America, with clients including Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra. Her sixth is now being set up here and she already has eyes on mainland Europe when the single market arrives.

Careful schooling is the Auntie Fay way. Over two days prospective employees are first interviewed individually, and then given a four-hour orientation class before meeting their prospective employers.

They learn how to tackle the job interview. They will ask for a written job description. Miss McGrath said: "In short, we treat household maintenance and child care as a profession."

After locating and preparing the best possible choice to fill a given vacancy, the agency charges clients 20 per cent of the domestic's agreed wage, or, in the case of long term assignments, a month's wages. What set her on the road to success was scanning a domestic agency pamphlet recruiting nannies. It occurred to her that as a wife and mother with 20 years of experience of managing a house, husband and seven children, she was equipped with some eminently marketable skills.

She landed her first domestic position and friends of the family were impressed, word got around, and before long rivals of the agency that had placed her sent in the headhunters.

That led her to observe agency inadequacies. She said: "I just knew I could organise things better. Their domestics were reporting problems with their jobs. All the problems arose from misunderstandings, because the requirements were not properly clarified when the applicant was interviewed for the job. Agencies were giving people unrealistic expectations, they weren't marketing properly, they weren't training, and they were undercharging. So I started doing consultancy work for other agencies."

In 1982 she took a ten-week course on running a small business and within a few months had opened her first agency.

The McGrath agencies are based in low-rent business complexes that have good addresses and access to all necessary facilities. Miss McGrath said: "One lady operating one little office can make a good living for herself and have a lot of freedom. It's a good business for a woman like me. Overheads are very low. Depending on what kind of salary one wants to pay oneself, I believe an agency like this can be made profitable within a year." She established her first UK operation at Windsor last January.

Winning smile: Fay McGrath says domestic service is a profession

BRIEFINGS

Recession is still savaging many small businesses. The message is underlined by the quarterly survey by the Small Business Research Trust, sponsored by National Westminster Bank. Low sales and lack of business were the worst problem, according to 40 per cent of the small firms surveyed, up from 35 per cent saying so in the previous quarter.

Payments and debtor problems were the main problem for 12.5 per cent. Late payment still seems to be the chief bugbear and the survey suggests that this adds weight to the argument that voluntary codes of practice may not be enough. There are hopes that sales could increase in the final quarter. There are also signs of recovery among manufacturers and business services. However, a worsening position afflicts the industries already badly hit, including small builders, caterers and restaurateurs.

☐ A fresh legal format for small businesses is being urged by the Forum for Private Business, the small-business pressure group with an 18,000-strong membership. The Forum argument is that present legal formats — proprietorship, partnership, limited liability — are outdated and more appropriate for bigger businesses.

☐ Oxford Science Park has gained a seedcorn capital fund, aimed at offering cash to high-technology businesses there for development of products. The £3 million fund has been launched by NatWest's technology unit.

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Henderson to enjoy local double

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

LOCAL trainer Nicky Henderson should land a double at Newbury today with **Le Piccolage** (1.35) and **Remittance Man** (2.05), who will both be ridden by Richard Dunwoody.

After winning all his six races over fences last season Remittance Man deservedly gained *Timeform's* accolade of 'best novice chaser' in their annual review *'Chasers and Hurdlers 1990/91'*.

If that award was in doubt prior to the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham it was certainly clinched there when Remittance Man beat Uncle Ernie, who was also unbeaten over fences prior to the race, by six lengths in the Arkle Challenge Trophy.

That race was over two miles. By then any question about Remittance Man also lasting the longer distance of today's Arlington Premier Series Qualifier had already been dispelled on successive occasions, here at Newbury and at Kempton and Ascot as well.

At the start of his second season over fences, which could well involve a clash with Desert Orchid and company in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day, Remittance Man now sadly has only one opponent this afternoon.

But at least the one in question is Golden Celtic, who took quite a high rank at the end of last season after winning four of his six races. Unfortunately, he also has a tendency to chance his arm at his fences which has resulted in his downfall three times; twice last season, once this.

In contrast, Remittance Man's approach to the job, both at home and on the course, is in the words of Henderson "frighteningly brilliant," an experience in which both horse and rider seem to revel while his trainer watches shaking in his shoes.

During a previous meeting this month on this same Berkshire course, cries of "Vive Le Piccolage" rang out as the seven-year-old of that name battled on to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, having been passed and seemingly beaten at one stage by Granvillewaterford.

Judged on the way that he rallied at the end of two-and-a-half miles that day, Le Piccolage, who could develop into a Grand National horse in due course, should relish the longer distance of the Oxfordshire Novices' Chase, and he is my nap to keep his unbeaten record over fences intact.

Dunwoody: fancied rides on Henderson chasers

The Jacky Upton Handicap Chase should be a good spectacle now that Pegwell Bay, Toureen Prince, Guiburn's Nephew and Mr Entertainer have all stood their ground.

Formidable rival that Pegwell Bay can be, especially over today's course and distance where he has won four times, I still doubt him being able to concede 23lb to Mr Entertainer, who looked as though a race would do him a power of good after his summer's rest before making Espy fight all the way to the line over today's course and distance four weeks ago.

Having won so easily at Devon & Exeter first time out this season, **Child Of The Mist**, who has always been held in high esteem by his trainer Oliver Sherwood and before that on the Flat by Barry Hills, can confirm their judgment by landing the Sonning Novices' Hurdle.

At Leicester, I like none better than **Fairfields Cone** (1.15), who should be much sharper for that promising run at Plumpton first time out behind Bollinger.

Graveyard for the punters

From OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

THE continuing saga of Phoenix Park racecourse took another twist yesterday with the revelation that the owners, thwarted in their efforts for a housing development, are now thinking of turning it into a commercial graveyard.

Ownership of the racecourse, which held its final fixture in October last year, is vested in Lymond Investments Limited, a company shared between Vincent O'Brien (42 per cent), Robert Sangster (42 per cent), John Magnier (16 per cent) and Michael Smurfit (two per cent).

Extensive drilling to test the soil conditions has been completed and the plan being studied would involve the use of 60 acres as a graveyard with the remaining 40 acres around the existing grandstands being developed as leisure and sporting facilities.

Whereas planning permission from Dublin County Council is an essential requirement to build houses, a cemetery only requires a ministerial order.

It would certainly be financially more rewarding as an expert estimate indicates that 1,000 burial plots to the acre would be available and these would fetch Ir£1,000, making the overall value Ir£1 million an acre.

Dublin is in increasing need of graveyard space as the city's largest cemetery at Glasnevin is due to run out of new plots within five years.

Strong opposition to Desert Orchid

DESERT Orchid is likely to have a real fight on his hands when he goes for the £25,000-added Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon on Tuesday.

He may be challenged by old foes, Sabin Du Loir and Norton's Coin, as well as promising northern chaser Pat's Jester.

His trainer David Elsworth confirmed yesterday that Desert Orchid would run, making it the first time the grey has appeared at the Cambridgeshire track in his illustrious career.

But Elsworth may be regretting his decision to miss Wednesday's Boxing Day Trial Chase on Desert Orchid's favourite Kempton course.

That race cut up badly and Desert Orchid would have had a fairly easy task as he is brought to concert pitch for his attempt to win the the King George VI Rank Chase on Boxing Day for a fifth time.

Instead, the Huntingdon race — over two-and-a-half miles — could turn into a hugely significant King George trial as Norton's Coin and Sabin Du Loir are also being primed for the Christmas showpiece.

Norton's Coin had Desert Orchid back in third when winning last year's Gold Cup and Sabin Du Loir, a winner twice this season, defeated Desert Orchid by six lengths when the pair met at Wincanton last month.

The H & T Walker Chase winner Kings Fountain sidesteps a clash with Remittance Man at Newbury today in favour of an attempt on the A F Budge Gold Cup at Cheltenham next month.

His trainer Kim Bailey has decided to give his rapidly improving chaser more time rather than run him again just six days after he galloped to that impressive 15-length victory at Ascot.

☐ Ladbrokes yesterday cut Rawhide, the Irish challenger, from 10-1 to 8-1 for the Hennessy Gold Cup.

Distant floodlights

RACING under floodlights is still a long way off despite the Levy Board's support for the year-round opening of betting shops until 10pm (George Rae writes).

"It is important to understand the sequence of events on this issue," Tristram Ricketts, the Levy Board's chief executive, said yesterday. "We are in favour first and foremost of the evening opening of betting shops.

"Once that has been achieved, we can then begin to think of ways in which to utilise the time when the shops are open. It is important that racing competes with other betting media.

"Floodlit racing is an interesting talking point but it cannot be fully discussed until the first step, shop opening, has been completed. It is very much a medium to long-term prospect".

NEWBURY

MANDARIN
1.00 Port Sunlight.
1.35 LE PICCOLAGE (nap).
2.05 Remittance Man.
2.35 Mr Entertainer.
3.10 Hurricane Hugo.
3.40 Child Of The Mist.

THUNDERER
1.00 Port Sunlight.
1.35 Le Piccolage.
2.05 Remittance Man.
2.35 Guiburn's Nephew.
3.10 AS GOOD AS GOLD (nap).
3.40 Vicompt De Valmont.

RICHARD EVANS
2.35 GUIBURN'S NEPHEW (nap).

GOING: GOOD, BACK STRAIGHT GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT, BACK STRAIGHT SOFT (HURDLES) SIS

1.00 FRESHMAN'S NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,847: 2m 100yd) (26 runners)

101 14 KIR 13 (B,D,G) (M Pinto) M McCormack 11-7 Peter Hobbs —
102 13 PRIMITIVE SINGER 76 (D,BF,F) (Richard Green (Fine Paintings)) M Pipe 11-7 P Scudamore —
103 CHATHAM ISLAND 30F (B Voak) C Brittain 11-0 S Keightley —
104 CLIFTON HAMPDEN 29F (R Gibbs) Lady Herries 11-0 H Davies —
105 DARK ISLE 151F (N Gill) M McCourt 11-0 D Bridgwater (3) —
106 0 DESERT FOREST 16 (M Scott) G Balding 11-0 J Frost —
107 DESIGNER STUBBLE 51F (Mrs J Waters) G Balding 11-0 A Charlton —
108 DUCKITE 143F (Danebury Racing Stables Ltd) K Cunningham-Brown 11-0 R Guest —
109 DUHARRA 88F (Mrs M Togher) D Elsworth 11-0 P Holley —
110 EASTERN MAGIC 30F (R Sayer) J Akehurst 11-0 Dale McKeown —
111 FANLIGHT 76F (C Holland) R Akehurst 11-0 L Harvey —
112 P HOLD COURT 30 (F Golding) N Callaghan 11-0 D Murphy —
113 644 LETTS GREEN 18 (B) (T Parrett) J Czerpak 11-0 M Perrett —
114 LORD OBERON 29F (Mrs A Quinn) R O'Sullivan 11-0 D O'Sullivan (3) —
115 MASTER OF TROY 158F (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 11-0 C Llewellyn —
116 MILLSOLIN 125F (M Butler) A Davison 11-0 D Gallagher —
117 PORT SUNLIGHT 27F (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 11-0 G McCourt —
118 RISE UP SINGING 76F (G Gleadall) R Hannon 11-0 S McNeill —
119 00 VALUED FRIEND 16 (T Thom) J Bridger 11-0 G Moore —
120 U VICEROY GEM 17 (F Broom) R Holder 11-0 N Mann —
121 6 CHARLIE'S DARLING 13 (Mrs L May) J Czerpak 10-9 G Rowe (7) —
122 5 CHARMING REPLY 43 (Mrs M Pearson) M Usher 10-9 M Bowlby —
123 COUSIN ELLY 11F (R Cave) P Evans 10-9 T Wall —
124 5 LADY GWENMORE 13 (B) (S Smith) H Willis 10-9 S Hodgson —
125 NEROLI 34F (Dr G Meredith) A Jones 10-9 J Osborne —
126 TERINGETTE (D Samuel) M Robinson 10-9 I Lawrence —

BETTING: 4-1 Primitive Singer, 11-2 Port Sunlight, 8-1 Kir, Rise Up Singing, 10-1 Chatham Island, Lord Oberon, Neroli, 14-1 Lady Gwenmore, 16-1 Eastern Magic, Fanlight, 20-1 Clifton Hampden, Desert Forest, 25-1 others.

1990: OH SO RISKY 10-11 P Holley (8-11 fav) D Elsworth 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

KIR beat Almost A Princess 2l in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good). PRIMITIVE SINGER 7¾l 3rd of 15 to Fenton Lake in a novice hurdle at Stratford (2m, good to firm). Previously, beat Sandicliffe Way 20l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm). DESERT FOREST 46l 11th of 20 to Kayfaat in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good), with VALUED FRIEND (same terms) 11l 13th. LADY GWENMORE 24l 5th of 14 to Dante's View in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to firm), with CHARLIE'S DARLING (same terms) 12l 6th. CHATHAM ISLAND beat Pelorus a neck in a 16-runner handicap on the Flat at Lingfield (1m 2f, good) last month. DUHARRA 10½l 4th of 14 to Desert Squaw in valuable Flat handicap at Tralee (1m 6f, good to firm). LORD OBERON beat Sybillin 2½l in an 11-runner Flat handicap at Newcastle (1m, firm) last month. PORT SUNLIGHT beat Sir Danik 4l in a 9-runner Flat handicap, here (1m 1f, good to firm), with KIR (17lb worse off) 7l 5th. COUSIN ELLY beat Stella 10l in a 10-runner maiden last week at Folkestone (1m 4f, soft).
Selection: PRIMITIVE SINGER

1.35 OXFORDSHIRE NOVICES CHASE (£3,493: 3m) (9 runners)

201 1 BELMOUNT CAPTAIN 20 (D,S) (R Lavelle) G Balding 6-11-6 R Guest 66
202 45/F2-11 LE PICCOLAGE 16 (C,F,G) (Lord Mostyn) N Henderson 7-11-6 R Dunwoody ● 99
203 66600-3 CYTHERE 27 (S) (K Carr) J Gifford 7-11-0 D Murphy 83
204 0PP0/22 IXOR 7 (BF) (Wallop) C Nash 7-11-0 G McCourt 74
205 056F20- MR PANTOMIME 216 (Mrs R Luard) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0 C Llewellyn 64
206 62584-F PURPLE POINT 14 (Sir Eric Parker) D Barons 6-11-0 N Hawke —
207 6P/362-2 RIYADH LIGHTS 109 (BF,F) (B Fry) M Usher 6-11-0 NON-RUNNER —
208 502F-3F SHARPRIDGE 20 (J Skull) J King 7-11-0 J Kavanagh (3) 76
209 4/5P43F- SHEEPHAVEN 244 (A Wates) T Etherington 7-11-0 R Supple 66

BETTING: 11-8 Le Piccolage, 11-2 Belmount Captain, 6-1 Sharpridge, 8-1 Cythere, Ixor, 14-1 Mr Pantomime, 16-1 others.

1990: SOUTHERLY BUSTER 7-11-6 J Osborne (4-9 fav) O Sherwood 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELMOUNT CAPTAIN beat G W Superstar 2½l in a 14-runner novice chase at Chepstow (3m, good to soft), with SHARPRIDGE (6lb better off) in lead when fell last. LE PICCOLAGE beat Granvillewaterford ½l in a 7-runner novice chase here (2m 4f, good). Previously, beat Lake Teereen 30l in a 5-runner novice chase at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm). CYTHERE 22½l 3rd of 10 to Country Member in a novice chase at Worcester (2m 4f, good). IXOR 5l 2nd of 7 to Gladtogetit in a novice handicap chase at Ascot (3m, good).
Selection: LE PICCOLAGE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
T Thomson Jones	4	9	44.4
M Pipe	21	66	31.8
T Forster	13	55	28.6
M Robinson	3	14	21.4
O Sherwood	16	82	19.6
D Elsworth	21	110	19.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Supple	3	12	25.0
P Scudamore	29	121	24.0
P Holley	9	40	22.5
R Dunwoody	38	171	22.2
C Llewellyn	8	37	21.6
M Perrett	12	58	20.7

2.05 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £4,230: 2m 4f) (2 runners)

301 111111- REMITTANCE MAN 255 (CD,F,G,S) (J Collins) N Henderson 7-11-10 R Dunwoody ● 99
302 F1F14-F GOLDEN CELTIC 41 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs H Brown) Miss H Knight 7-11-7 J Osborne 92

BETTING: 2-7 Remittance Man, 5-2 Golden Celtic.

1990: ANOTHER CORAL 7-11-7 R Dunwoody (5-6 fav) D Nicholson 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

REMITTANCE MAN beat Uncle Ernie 6l in the 14-runner grade I Arkle Trophy at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft) in March. Previously, beat Monumental Lad 30l in an 8-runner grade II novice chase at Kempton (2m 4f, good). GOLDEN CELTIC was in contention when fell last behind Bishopdale in a 4-runner handicap chase at Bangor (3m, good). Beat Esha Ness 7l in an 8-runner novice chase at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good) in March.
Selection: REMITTANCE MAN

2.35 JACKY UPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,470: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

401 2/1113-0 PEGWELL BAY 13 (CD,F,G) (Major A Barlow) T Forster 10-12-0 J Railton ● 99
402 123124/ TOUREEN PRINCE 618 (S) (P Stamp) Miss H Knight 8-11-0 J Osborne —
403 UF12F-F GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 13 (CD,F,G) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 9-10-6 P Hobbs 93
404 F104P-2 MR ENTERTAINER 28 (CD,G,S) (M Boddington) N Gaselee 8-10-5 B Powell 98

BETTING: 11-8 Pegwell Bay, 2-1 Guiburn's Nephew, 3-1 Mr Entertainer, 10-1 Toureen Prince.

1990: PENDENNIS 7-10-6 J White (7-2) N Henderson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

PEGWELL BAY 22l 7th of 15 in the grade III Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good), with GUIBURN'S NEPHEW falling when prominent. Previously, 6¾l 3rd of 4 to Norton's Coin in grade II South Wales Showers Caradon Mira Silver Trophy at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm). TOUREEN PRINCE 10½l 4th of 9 to Garrison Savannah in the Sun Alliance Novices' Chase at Cheltenham (3m, good). GUIBURN'S NEPHEW last completed the course when 12l 2nd of 9 to Aman King in a handicap chase at Stratford (2m, good). MR ENTERTAINER 2l 2nd of 6 to Espy in a handicap chase over course and distance (good).
Selection: PEGWELL BAY

3.10 NEWBURY TRADE STANDS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,213: 2m 4f 120yd) (13 runners)

501 3F1F23- GIVUS A BUCK 223 (B,CD,G,S) (K Costello) D Elsworth 8-12-7 A McCabe (5) —
502 P236/3 PRINCE SATIRE 13 (D,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 8-11-5 G Heaver 86
503 1501-6 HURRICANE HUGO 16 (D,F,S) (Bellbrae Developments Ltd) J Gifford 5-11-1 P Hide (7) 83
504 3P/5044- DAT TRAIN 202 (G,S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-13 G Rowe (3) 81
505 F12P1P- BIRD OF SPIRIT 248 (D,G,S) (F Mills) M Scudamore 11-10-9 Martin Foster 80
506 0600/FP- ROARK 212 (S) (R Stone) H Willis 9-10-8 D O'Sullivan —
507 163P/40 TOM'S LITTLE BET 13 (G) (T Staddon) W Williams 7-10-7 I Shoemark —
508 002/FP-2 AS GOOD AS GOLD 14 (C,G) (S Mason) G Balding 5-10-4 A Maguire 80
509 P4F/4P0- MEDITATOR 354 (G,S) (Mrs J Perrin) W Perrin 7-10-1 S Curran (7) ● 99
510 2842P-0 EMPERORS WARRIOR 11 (K Bell & Son Ltd) C Broad 5-10-0 M Jones 86
511 1304-F FORTUNES WOOD 14 (S) (Mrs C Morrison) T Thomson Jones 5-10-0 P Barnard 90
512 00301/P- HADDON LAD 342 (D,F,S) (G Cutler) K Bridgwater 8-10-0 D Bridgwater —
513 634434- POP DANCER 239 (B,F) (Mrs S Finch) N Thomson 9-10-0 — 77

Long handicap: Fortunes Wood 9-13, Haddon Lad 9-11, Pop Dancer 9-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Hurricane Hugo, 7-2 Givus A Buck, 6-1 As Good As Gold, 10-1 Fortunes Wood, 12-1 others.

1990: AUTHORSHIP 4-9-11 P McEntee (8-1) W Musson 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

GIVUS A BUCK head and short head 3rd of 11 to Kings Fountain in a novice handicap chase at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm). PRINCE SATIRE 17½l 3rd of 8 to Present Times in a handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to firm). HURRICANE HUGO beat Doonloughan 2½l in a novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. DAT TRAIN 8½l 4th of 13 to Jassu in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good). BIRD OF SPIRIT beat Silks Domino ¾l in a 15-runner handicap hurdle at Chepstow (3m, soft) on penultimate start. AS GOOD AS GOLD 2½l 2nd of 11 to The Widget Man in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good), with FORTUNES WOOD falling when prominent 6 out. EMPERORS WARRIOR put up his best recent effort when 6l 2nd of 21 to Saddler's Choice in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m 6f, good). FORTUNES WOOD 21¾l 4th of 14 to Salamander Joe in a novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. POP DANCER 6l 4th of 13 to Hellovestate in a handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: EMPERORS WARRIOR

3.40 SONNING NOVICES HURDLE (£2,679: 2m 4f 120yd) (16 runners)

601 3/20-1 CHILD OF THE MIST 17 (G) (C Heath) O Sherwood 5-11-7 J Osborne ● 99
602 333513 FIGHTING JESSICA 11 (G) (Mrs D Upson) J Upson 5-11-7 R Supple 79
603 0- BRIERY HILL 244 (BF) (Mrs R Vaughan) N Henderson 5-11-0 J White 85
604 0 CAPTAIN COGNAC 20 (Mrs N Delamain) P Hobbs 5-11-0 P Hobbs —
605 /2523/P- DARK HONEY 388 (R Sayer) S Dow 6-11-0 B Powell —
606 5 FIERY FRED 30 (Mrs J Bishop) D Grissell 4-11-0 H Davies —
607 4PP-0 HONEYWALL LAD 18 (B Ivens) G Thorner 6-11-0 P Verling —
608 JINGA 25F (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 6-11-0 D O'Sullivan (3) —
609 22/5020- MR VERGETTE 208 (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 7-11-0 Mr A Sansome 89
610 NOW YOUR TALKIN (J Wright) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 B Dowling —
611 40- ONLY IN IRELAND 209 (J Reynolds) P Nicholls 5-11-0 D Tegg —
612 3/15- RAFIKI 209 (S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald (7) —
613 0-0 SCAPIN 9 (Exors of the late Mrs J de Rothschild) T Forster 5-11-0 J Railton —
614 UFANO (N Harris) T Forster 5-11-0 C Llewellyn —
615 346- VICOMPT DE VALMONT 223 (R Tooth) N Henderson 6-11-0 R Dunwoody 88
616 3 SANDFORD SPRINGS 9 (R Thomas Williams) R Holder 4-10-9 N Mann 85

BETTING: 15-8 Child Of The Mist, 9-2 Vicompt De Valmont, 6-1 Now Your Talkin, Sandford Springs, 12-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CHILD OF THE MIST impressive when beating Silver String 30l in an 18-runner novice hurdle at Devon (2m 3l, good). FIGHTING JESSICA 16l 3rd of 17 to Jokers Patch in a novice hurdle Wolverhampton (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). MR VERGETTE 2½l 2nd of 20 to Capsize in maiden hurdle, here (2m 100yd, good), on penultimate start. RAFIKI 22l 5th of 11 to Rampoldi in an 11-runner National Hunt flat race at Sandown (2m, good), with ONLY IN IRELAND 9l 7th. VICOMPT DE VALMONT 30½l 6th of 17 to Springaleak in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm). SANDFORD SPRINGS 8½l 3rd of 24 to Young Hustler in a novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 4f, good to soft), with SCAPIN tailed-off 11th. JINGA winning handicapper over 1m 4f-2m on the Flat.
Selection: CHILD OF THE MIST (nap)

LEICESTER

MANDARIN
12.45 Princess Moodyshoe. 1.15 Fairfields Cone. 1.45 Tinas Lad. 2.20 The Forties. 2.50 Passed Pawn. 3.25 Zest For Life.

THUNDERER
12.45 Princess Moodyshoe. 1.15 Spanish Whisper. 1.45 Worthy Knight. 2.20 The Forties. 2.50 Passed Pawn. 3.25 Jefferby.

Richard Evans: 1.15 Fairfields Cone.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES) SIS

12.45 BEGINNERS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,292: 2m) (24 runners)

1 ABSENT FOREVER 24F W Muir 10-12 —
2 BARESI 115F J O'Shea 10-12 D Byrne
3 CASTLE MERLIN 31F E Alston 10-12 M Alston
4 FETTLE UP 106F J Wharton 10-12 S J O'Neill
5 PP FLAMING RED 17 J Smith 10-12 W McFarland
6 FLUIDITY 23F J O'Shea 10-12 K Doolan
7 0 IN THE FRAME 34 (B) G Eden 10-12 R Campbell
8 IT'S NOT MY FAULT 127F J Scargill 10-12 A Carroll
9 LEGUARD EXPRESS 14F W Carter 10-12 G Bradley
10 F35U LITTLE BLACKFOOT 3 J Harris 10-12 J A Harris
11 0 OAKBOURNE 34 T Thomson Jones 10-12 R Boucher
12 OL DE LOIR D Nicholson 10-12 R Bellamy
13 0 SHADOWLAND 22 G Pritchard-Gordon 10-12 S Smith Eccles
14 SUPER RITCHART 25F B Palling 10-12 C Evans
15 P SWEET GLEN 16 C James 10-12 G Upton
16 F3 TOUCHED BY LOVE 17 Miss S Wilton 10-12 T Eley (7)
17 WEEKDAY CROSS 148F J Jenkins 10-12 M Ahern
18 0 DERRY HEIRESS 17 (B) J Glover 10-7 S D Williams (7)
19 INCARESS 388F N Callaghan 10-7 —
20 JARRWAH 137F J Spearing 10-7 A Webb
21 4 MICHIKA 76 O O'Neill 10-7 V Slattery (5)
22 MORE GLITTERS 13F T Fairhurst 10-7 R Garritty
23 43 PRINCESS MOODYSHOE 34 (BF) M Pipe 10-7 J Lower
24 WALK THIS WAY 31F A Lee 10-7 S Woods

2-1 Princess Moodyshoe, 4-1 Michika, 7-1 Leguard Express, 8-1 More Glitters, 10-1 Ol De Loir, 12-1 Little Blackfoot, 14-1 others.

1.15 WALTHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,143: 2m) (16)

1 00/0 VISCOUNT TULLY 9 (D,S) C Jackson 6-11-10 V Slattery (5)
2 F5/ ESCRIBANA 570 (D,F) J Jenkins 6-11-6 R Rourke (5)
3 115- LADY REMAINDER 251 (CD,BF,G,S) P Blockley 4-11-4 P Midgley
4 6-P3 SHARPGUN 18 (D,S) A Moore 5-11-3 J Clarke
5 243- EMERALD GEM 182 (BF,S) O Brennan 5-11-3 S Ryan (5)
6 -411 SPANISH WHISPER 23 (D,G) J Bostock 4-11-1 J Twomey
7 0F5- AUCTION TIME 50F (G) J Akehurst 8-11-0 J Leech
8 001- NACONA 234F (D,S) J King 5-10-13 —
9 06-3 FAIRFIELDS CONE 18 (D,G,S) R Dickin 8-10-10 D Meredith
10 P0/0 SEA SHADOW 18 (B,D,F) A Barrow 6-10-8 —
11 10-5 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 13F (F) J Spearing 4-10-8 J Pullin (5)
12 3-60 KINO 18 (B,CD,S) S Sherwood 4-10-7 A S Smith
13 342- ARTHURS STONE 253 (CD,S) O Brennan 5-10-3 Helen Brennan (5)
14 10-0 JUST A MEMORY 14F (D,F) R Manning 5-10-3 —
15 45/6 JOYFULNESS 27 (D,F) P Bevan 6-10-0 S Bailey (5)
16 P6-P MOON REEF 8 (B) C Broad 5-10-0 W Marston

3-1 Spanish Whisper, 9-2 Fairfield Cone, 6-1 Lawnswood Junior, 7-1 Kino, Sharpgun, 8-1 Auction Time, 10-1 others.

1.45 HOBSONS PUBLISHING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,888: 2m 4f) (4)

1 2-5F WORTHY KNIGHT 7 (D,BF,F,G,S) B McLean 10-11-10 B Storey
2 -5R4 ROSCOE HARVEY 29 (D,F,G,S) C Brooks 9-11-7 G Bradley
3 15-1 TINAS LAD 18 (CD,F,G) J Edwards 8-10-1 N Williamson
4 5P5- SURELY NOT 235 (D,G,S) T Bill 9-10-0 S Earle

5-4 Tina's Lad, 2-1 Worthy Knight, 9-4 Roscoe Harvey, 25-1 Surely Not.

2.20 JOHN O'GAUNT NOVICES CHASE (£2,588: 3m) (6)

1 -051 THE FORTIES 15 (G) T Bill 6-11-6 S Earle
2 23-4 CATCHAPENNY 11 (S) M Wilkinson 6-11-0 J Shortt
3 00/3 INTO THE TREES 14 (S) R Tate 7-11-0 Mrs F Needham (7)
4 /32- SIR NODDY 368 (F) C Vernon Miller 8-11-0 W Humphreys
5 P0-3 TAGMOUN CHAUFOUR 45 A Barrow 6-11-0 —
6 PP/5 TACO 15 M McMillan 9-10-9 G Bradley

6-4 Into The Trees, 5-2 The Forties, 5-1 Catchapenny, 8-1 Sir Noddy, Tagmoun Chaufour, 25-1 Taco

2.50 BARKBY NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,674: 2m) (9)

1 113 PASSED PAWN 13 (BF,G) M Pipe 4-11-11 P Scudamore
2 0 GOLDEN CHALICE 11 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-9 D Byrne
3 PP- KISU KALI 24F J Ffitch-Heyes 4-11-7 E Byrne
4 8-52 ILEWIN 34 J Jenkins 4-11-5 M Ahern
5 20-2 HOT PERFORMER 41 T Fairhurst 4-11-4 R Garritty
6 6-5F BARRY OWEN 7 J Pearce 5-11-1 P McEntee (7)
7 060- BORRETO 225 C James 7-11-1 I Williams (7)
8 000- LISA ROSA 228F W Musson 4-11-0 G Bradley
9 -P60 SWISS PRINCESS 10 T Donnelly 7-11-0 S Smith Eccles

8-11 Passed Pawn, 7-2 Hot Performer, 8-1 Ilewin, 12-1 Golden Chalice, 16-1 Borreto, 20-1 others

3.25 KNIGHTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,292: 2m) (17)

1 BOLL WEEVIL O Sherwood 5-10-12 M Richards
2 14/P DEEP IN THE WOOD 14 (D,G) B Gee 8-10-12 D Byrne
3 HENRY WILL 15F T Fairhurst 7-10-12 R Garritty
4 IRISH GROOM 24F J Smith 4-10-12 I Lawrence
5 ISAMBARD 148F Mrs P Sly 4-10-12 A Carroll
6 10-5 JEFFERBY 14 (D) J Glover 4-10-12 S D Williams (7)
7 50-0 JOHNSON 15 M Wilkinson 5-10-12 M Lynch
8 00- LAST MAN IN 225 Mrs A King 4-10-12 S Earle
9 MODEST HOPE 27F G Eden 4-10-12 J McLaughlin
10 0/1- SANTARAY 31F (S) J Mackie 5-10-12 S J O'Neill
11 0- SCORPIO SAM 202 O O'Neill 6-10-12 V Slattery (5)
12 600- TOMPET 358 J Bukovets 5-10-12 W McFarland
13 3-2 URBAN COWBOY 27 C James 4-10-12 S McNeill
14 WACE 514F P Felgate 4-10-12 R Beggan
15 /4-P XAFU XAFU 9 J Webber 5-10-12 W Marston (7)
16 0P-3 ZEST FOR LIFE 15 D Nicholson 5-10-12 R Bellamy (3)
17 00-R TWICE LOVELY 7 (B) C Allen 4-10-7 J Ryan (3)

9-4 Zest For Life, 3-1 Jefferby, 5-1 Santaray, 13-2 Urban Cowboy, 8-1 Boll Weevil, 12-1 Henry Will, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 18 winners from 41 runners, 43.9%; J Mackie, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Jimmy FitzGerald, 3 from 14, 21.4%; O Sherwood, 5 from 28, 17.9%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 6 winners from 10 rides, 60.0%; S Smith Eccles, 11 from 39, 28.2%; M Richards, 6 from 35, 17.1%. (Only qualifiers).

☐ Lorcan Wyer returns at Sedgefield today, seven weeks after breaking his leg at Cheltenham. Wyer, stable jockey to Peter Easterby, partners Stated Case in the Vaux Breweries Novices' Chase.

SEDGEFIELD

MANDARIN
12.50 Victory Torch.
1.20 Bonanza.
1.55 Midland Express.
2.30 Owd Henry.
3.00 Break The Chain.
3.30 Karenda.

THUNDERER
12.50 Riverain.
1.20 Stepping Lightly.
1.55 Midland Express.
2.30 Owd Henry.
3.00 Break The Chain.
3.30 Karenda.

RICHARD EVANS
3.00 Break The Chain.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.55 MIDLAND EXPRESS.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.50 JOHN WADE HINO TRUCK NOVICES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,744: 2m) (14 runners)

1 510 VICTORY TORCH 23 (CD,F) (Langdale Racing Stables) H Whiting 6-12-0 C Dennis (3) 81
2 30PP30 GLADONIA 6 (V,F) (R Flegg) J Parkes 4-11-2 N Smith (5) 82
3 500-2P5 MRS SKINNER 14 (Mrs N Anne Fisher) Mrs P Barker 4-11-1 C Hawkins 88
4 14 RIVERAIN 17 (D) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 3-10-13 C Grant —
5 054P-40 LADY LAX 18 (B) (Chiltern Hills Racing Club) J White 7-10-13 J Callaghan 92
6 03556-5 DUBLIN BREEZE 27F (R McLaughlin) J Harris 4-10-11 F Murtagh (7) 91
7 P685-5 DUTCH BLUES 14 (Mrs S Austin) Mrs S Austin 4-10-10 D Wilkinson 95
8 250P0-4 COUGAR 14 (Scotnorth Racing Ltd) Mrs S Austin 5-10-7 R Marley 90
9 53636 SCU'S LADY 10 (Mrs M Dunning) A Smith 3-10-4 S Turner —
10 60P050 MR REINER 10 (J Wade) J Wade 3-10-1 K Jones —
11 00PP-0 GREAT SERVICE 9 (B) (A Watson) G Moore 4-10-1 M Dwyer ● 99
12 U- MR ABINGTON 323 (F Watson) F Watson 11-10-0 D Bentley (7) —
13 002P/00 COUNTESS CROSSETT 21 (B) (E Caine) E Caine 9-10-0 Mr P J McLoughlin (7) —
14 08/0P00 CRESTINA CROSSETT 14 (B) (E Caine) E Caine 9-10-0 A Dobbin (7) —

Long handicap: Countess Crossett 9-13, Crestina Crossett 8-1.

BETTING: 4-1 Riverain, 9-2 Mr Reiner, 6-1 Mrs Skinner, 7-1 Cougar, 8-1 Dublin Breeze, 10-1 others.

1990: TAP DANCING 4-10-12 L Wyer (9-1) M O'Neill 15 ran

1.20 SEDGEFIELD PADDOCK BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,085: 3m 2f 160yd) (11 runners)

1 1111-05 BONANZA 13 (C,G,S) (D Needham & Partners) Mrs G Reveley 4-12-0 R Hodge (7) ● 99
2 5130P-0 SECRET FINALE 13 (CD,F,G,S) (J Fort) J Fort 12-10-11 R Marley 98
3 023-445 STEPPING LIGHTLY 13 (S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 4-10-9 C Grant 91
4 1/UUFP- MISS CLUB ROYAL 234 (CD,F,G) (Halewood Vintners Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-8 M Dwyer —
5 011226- CAROUSEL CALYPSO 256 (G,S) (A Saccomando) M Hammond 5-10-5 P Niven 92
6 002000- FEELING ROSEY 174 (CD,G,S) (D Todd) D Todd 9-10-4 A J Quinn 98
7 333-P08 MISTER MOODY 7 (J Hellens) J Hellens 6-10-0 A Orkney 84
8 000-P40 HOME TO ROOST 11 (CD,G,S) (F Jestin) F Jestin 11-10-0 Miss J Thurlow 95
9 252P63- CAROUSEL CROSSETT 178 (E Caine) E Caine 10-10-0 Mr P J McLoughlin (7) —
10 05-8420 UNCLE OLIVER 13 (C,F,G,S) (V Thompson) V Thompson 10-10-0 Mr S Lyons (7) 89
11 50050-0 NANCY ARDROSS 11 (A Dawson) B Mactaggart 5-10-0 A Merrigan —

Long handicap: Home To Roost 9-2, Carousel Crossett 9-0, Uncle Oliver 8-7, Nancy Ardross 8-4.

BETTING: 3-1 Stepping Lightly, 4-1 Feeling Rosey, 5-1 Bonanza, 6-1 Secret Finale, 8-1 Mister Moody, Miss Club Royal, 10-1 Uncle Oliver, 12-1 others.

1990: PREMIER PRINCESS 4-11-8 L Wyer (10-11 fav) W Bentley 6 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M H Easterby	24	78	30.8
Jimmy Fitzgerald	14	45	30.4
Mrs S Bramall	11	43	25.6
T Barron	4	19	21.1
Mrs G Reveley	30	149	20.1
W A Stephenson	62	310	20.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
C Grant	48	209	23.0
M Dwyer	29	129	22.5
A J Quinn	3	14	21.4
R Hodge	5	28	17.9
Mrs A Farrell	4	24	16.7
P Niven	32	204	15.7

1.55 NORTH TEES BODY SCANNER APPEAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,988: 2m) (5 runners)

1 05/2P14- BARKISLAND 217 (D,S) (J Veitch) P Beaumont 7-11-10 C Hawkins 80
2 F32P1-F CAVALIER CROSSETT 20 (D,F,G,S) (E Caine) E Caine 10-11-0 Mr P J McLoughlin (7) 91
3 13F2-2U MIDLAND EXPRESS 7 (C,F,G,S) (J Madeley) Denys Smith 8-10-12 P Niven ● 99
4 F21F/P-4 SOUTH CROSS 14 (F) (W Green) G Moore 6-10-3 M Dwyer 80
5 2PPP-US TAVERN TIME 7 (G,S) (R Paisley) R Paisley 10-10-0 N Smith (5) 88

Long handicap: Tavern Time 9-13.

BETTING: 2-1 Midland Express, 5-2 Barkisland, 7-2 Cavalier Crossett, 6-1 South Cross, 8-1 Tavern Time.

1990: J J JIMMY 6-11-3 P Midgley (3-1) B Ellison 4 ran

2.30 COLIN MACANDREW MEMORIAL CHASE (Amateur riders: £2,566: 3m 2f 160yd) (7 runners)

1 452P6-2 AINSTY FOX 11 (C,G,S) (C Burton) B Ellison 7-12-2 Mrs A Farrell (3) 92
2 P-58353 MAJIC RAIN 10 (B,G) (North East Racing Club Ltd) G Coatsworth 6-12-2 P Johnson (7) 90
3 2P/351P- CAROUSEL ROCKET 217 (F,G,S) (A Saccomando) M Hammond 9-11-12 S Lyons (7) ● 99
4 13P-2 OWD HENRY 17 (BF,F) (R Hargreave) Mrs G Reveley 9-11-12 N Hargreave 90
5 P0PF22- WREKIN HILL 179 (S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 9-11-12 A Thornton (7) 96
6 3PP506 CROSSETT CRUISADER 14 (B) (E Caine) E Caine 11-11-7 K Davies (7) —
7 600-P40 MASTER BUSTER 14 (B) (D Thompson) C Smith 6-11-7 M Ranger (7) —

BETTING: 11-4 Owd Henry, 3-1 Wrekin Hill, 4-1 Carousel Rocket, 6-1 Ainsty Fox, 8-1 Majic Rain, 10-1 Crossett Cruisader, 14-1 Master Buster.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.00 VAUX BREWERIES NOVICES CHASE (£2,748: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1 1/01/4/ ANDORRA 582F (G) (Jimmy Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-12 M Dwyer —
2 1411-3F BREAK THE CHAIN 2 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Brown) W A Stephenson 6-10-12 C Grant ● 99
3 B/UU-64 CROWN CROSSETT 13 (E Caine) E Caine 9-10-12 Mr P J McLoughlin (7) 83
4 /23220/ FOREVER ASTON 580 (J Featherstone) G Moore 5-10-12 J Callaghan —
5 RAIKES RUSTLER (J Hugill) J Hugill 7-10-12 Mr N Tutty —
6 0323/4 SENATOR SNUGFIT 10 (G) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 6-10-12 C Ryan (7) 98
7 1/16/ STATED CASE 741 (S) (Gymcrak Racing Plc) M H Easterby 6-10-12 L Wyer —
8 023/3U4 WHISKEY MAC 13 (J Howard Johnson) J Johnson 8-10-12 A Orkney 95
9 2F4F2F- YORK IMPERIAL 237 (B Gee) B Gee 10-10-12 R Fahey 92
10 MR BEEDALE (G Bellby) P Beaumont 5-10-11 Mrs A Farrell —
11 00P5-22 JUST PRETEND 14 (T Whitfield) V Thompson 7-10-7 Mr N Wilson 95
12 05033/ KATY KEYS 1061 (G Pickering) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-7 P Niven —

BETTING: 3-1 Break The Chain, 4-1 Just Pretend, 5-1 Senator Snugfit, 6-1 Stated Case, 8-1 Andorra, 10-1 Whiskey Mac, 12-1 others.

1990: WHAT ABOUT ME 7-11-5 J O'Gorman (1-3 fav) Mrs S Bramall 4 ran

3.30 HARPINGTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,748: 3m 2f 160yd) (12 runners)

1 60-06 COUNTORUS 11 (S Voisey) J Johnson 5-11-0 A Orkney 70
2 HABTON WHIN (T Easterby) M H Easterby 5-11-0 R Fahey —
3 505 MASCULINE 14 (V) (D Metcalf) J Norton 4-11-0 W Fry (7) —
4 0/ QUIXALL CROSSETT 639 (E Caine) E Caine 8-11-0 Mr P J McLoughlin (7) —
5 40-21BP SHARINSKI 14 (F) (H Rossington) R Juckes 4-11-0 — —
6 00-0P SHILINSKI 3 (B) (A Watson) G Moore 4-11-0 J Callaghan 65
7 0 SKIRCOAT GREEN 7 (Calder Racing) Denys Smith 6-11-0 P Waggott (7) —
8 60PP-6 SPY HILL 20 (D Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 5-11-0 J O'Gorman —
9 00-00 COOL DYNASTY 16 (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 4-10-9 Mrs M Kendall —
10 FORTINAS FLYER (G McGuinness) V Thompson 5-10-9 Mr S Lyons (7) —
11 1022-0 KARENDA 20 (F) (BF) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-9 M Dwyer ● 99
12 6003-6 ROSEWELL 16 (W Wearmouth) R Lamb 5-10-9 A Merrigan 67

BETTING: 4-6 Karenda, 4-1 Habton Whin, 7-1 Countorus, 10-1 Sharinski, 20-1 Spy Hill, 25-1 others.

1990: CROGHAN WILL 4-11-0 C Grant (10-1) W A Stephenson 6 ran

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Wincanton

Going: good

1.00 (2m ch) 1, THE SHY CONTROLLER (M Pitman, 4-1); 2, Master South Lad (G Upton, 33-1); 3, Cobblers Cooler (C Llewellyn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Deep Sensation (f), 7 Chesapeake Bay (f), 14 Star Of Kuwait (6th), 20 Flood Mark, 25 Mike's Diamond (ur), 33 Fred Splendid (5th), 50 Grey Admiral (4th), Sidebuck (pu). 11 ran. 3l, dist, 12l, 2l, 8l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.70; £1.20, £4.60, £2.40. DF: £137.80. CSF: £100.13.

1.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, YOUNG HUSTLER (P Scudamore, 7-2); 2, Buckingham Gate (B Powell, 10-1); 3, Liris Lad (I Shoemark, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Ask Frank (5th), 100-30 Jokers Patch, 11 Coolcronan (6th), 20 Crystal Cone, Kiwi Velocity (4th), 33 Tearful Prince, 40 Simply Spim (pu), 50 Lordy, Pharynx, Sarum Prince (f), Baroness Orkzy, Cassca (pu). 15 ran. 7l, 5l, 1½l, ¾l, 7l. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £2.20, £3.90. DF: £18.00. CSF: £36.13.

2.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, SPACIAL (B Powell, 5-2); 2, Shannagary (R Dunwoody, 6-4 fav); 3, Rambling Song (H Davies, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Slunnhill (5th), 16 The Argonaut (4th). 5 ran. ¾l, 12l, 7l, 7l. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £1.20. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.39.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, EASY BUCK (C Maude, 4-6 fav: Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Sartorius (S Smith Eccles, 8-1); 3, Imperial Flight (J Kavanagh, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Va Lute (4th), 12 Run To Form (5th), 14 Wessex Warrior (pu), 25 Baranyka (6th), 66 Prince Valiyar. 8 ran. 5l, 1½l, ¾l, 3½l, 12l. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £7.40. CSF: £8.62. Tricast: £32.16.

3.00 (3m 1f) 1, FIFTH AMENDMENT (M Pitman, 6-4 fav); 2, Windy Ways (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 3, Eastshaw (C Llewellyn, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Farmlea Boy (6th), 9 Rare Bid (5th), 12 Under Offer (4th), 16 Gala's Image (pu). 7 ran. NR: Steeple View. 5l, 7l, hd, 6l, 20l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £2.20. DF: £5.00.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, WOODURATHER (P Scudamore, 9-2); 2, The Slater (C Maude, 4-1 fav); 3, Rising Daisy (L Harvey, 9-2); 4, Bill Quill (P Hobbs, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Chief Celt (5th), 10 Deadlock, 14 Magsood, Reeling, 16 One To Note, 20 Christmas Hols, Bosworth Bay (pu), 25 Ten Deep (ref to race), Knight In Side, 33 Showdown, 50 Crisp Heart, 66 Coombesbury Lane (6th), Nothingbutpleasure, Coombe. 18 ran. NR: Our Billy Boy. 2l, 5l, 8l, 8l, 1½l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £4.90; £2.10, £1.50, £1.90, £5.10. DF: £9.80. CSF: £22.78. Tricast: £82.56.

Placepot: £49.10.

Haydock Park

Going: good

1.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, MONTEBEL (E Murphy, 8-13 fav); 2, Castigliero (G Bradley, 13-2); 3, Auvillar (D J Burchell, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Top It All, 16 In Place (4th), 20 Hello Vanos, Vado Via (6th), 33 Fourheartsdoubled (5th). 8 ran. NR: Kayfaat. 6l, 1½l, 5l, 10l, ½l. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £5.83.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, CROCK-NA-NEE (M Moloney, 9-2); 2, Gembridge Jupiter (F Murtagh, 100-30); 3, Nautical Joke (A Larnach, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Master Salesman (4th), 10 Elvercone (5th). 5 ran. ½l, 1½l, 3½l, 7l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £4.00; £2.00, £2.20. DF: £10.00. CSF: £17.09.

2.15 (3m 4f ch) 1, HOTPLATE (G McCourt, 13-8 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Pinemartin (N Leach, 3-1); 3, Mister Hartigan (N Williamson, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Waltingo (4th). 4 ran. 15l, 1l, 15l. D McCain at Cholmondeley. Tote: £2.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £6.04.

2.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SANDY'S BEACON (M Dwyer, 8-1); 2, Snitton Lane (N Williamson, 5-2); 3, Garston La Gaffe (M P FitzGerald, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Padiord, 8 Kingsley, 12 Caldecott (6th), 14 Cool Day (4th), Who Was That (pu), 16 Shy Duck (5th). 9 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 2l, 6l, 1½l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £9.90; £2.20, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £14.70. CSF: £31.01.

3.15 (2m ch) 1, CIRCULATION (G McCourt, 25-1); 2, Leigh Boy (M Dwyer, 6-5 fav); 3, Strangely Quiet (C Grant, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 Weyside Boy (ur), 8 No More The Fool (f), 16 Perfectly Possible (f). 6 ran. 6l, 3l. D McCain at Cholmondeley. Tote: £29.60; £5.40, £1.40. DF: £15.90. CSF: £53.46.

3.45 (2m 6f hdle) 1, AMBUSCADE (P Niven, 9-4 fav); 2, Silk Degrees (K Doolan, 33-1); 3, Centenary Star (Mr M Buckley, 14-1); 4, Auk Eye (A Charlton, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Olympian (5th), 9 Nessfield, 10 Mr Dormouse, 12 Yorkshire Holly, Danny Connors (6th), Le Bucheron, The Papparazi, 16 Dwadme, 20 Maelkar (pu), 50 Mr Taylor, 66 Cainsbridge Queen, Dolly Wardance, 100 Christo (pu). 17 ran. 10l, 1l, 1½l, ¾l, ¾l. Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £15.00, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £309.20. CSF: £74.01. Tricast: £864.10.

Placepot: £43.60.

Ludlow

Going: good to firm

12.50 (2m hdle) 1, Casienne (E Byrne, 3-1). 2, Oak Park (25-1). 3, Away From Reality (16-1). Green's Seago 11-4 fav. 17 ran. NR: Nemophila. 4l, ½l. R Holder. Tote: £3.20; £1.90, £8.70, £3.60. DF: £31.90. CSF: £66.71.

1.20 (2m ch) 1, Clever Folly (N Doughty, 4-1). 2, Banbridge (2-1). 3, Pendennis (5-4 fav). 5 ran. NR: Highfire. 3l, 5l. G Richards. Tote: £4.10; £2.10, £1.80. DF: £5.40. CSF: £11.54.

1.50 (3m ch) 1, Jimster (Mrs P Nash, 85-40). 2, Dianes Destiny (5-1). 3, Nougat Russe (10-1). Crowecopper 15-8 fav. 7 ran. 10l, 6l. C Nash. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £3.90. DF: £14.20. CSF: £13.05.

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Ecossais Danseur (A Maguire, 2-1 fav). 2, Boadicea's Chariot (25-1). 3, Rajput Rajah (14-1). 19 ran. 12l, sh hd. J Spearing. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £8.80, £4.20. DF: £175.60. CSF: £48.74. Winner bought in for 6,400gns.

2.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, Blustery Fellow (W Humphreys, 25-1). 2, Oubliet L Ennui (7-4 fav). 3, Diamond Run (13-2). 11 ran. 6l, 10l. J Chugg. Tote: £56.80; £6.10, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £199.50. CSF: £70.55.

3.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Castle Diamond (T Protheroe, 13-2). 2, Don't Light Up (6-4 fav). 3, Liecca Sam (5-2). 13 ran. ¾l, 8l. H Kavanagh. Tote: £9.90; £2.50, £1.10, £1.40. DF: £15.40. CSF: £16.02.

Placepot: £41.60.

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Bruno's credibility reduced by Duff choice

Despite promising signs, British boxing should reserve judgment on its favourite son until he faces a tougher opponent, **Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, says**

IT IS good to have Frank Bruno back. He sells newspapers, cheers up television viewers and does boxing a service. The supporters absolutely loved every minute of the three minutes of his comeback bout at the Albert Hall on Wednesday night.

As Mickey Duff, the promoter of the show, said: "Did you hear any boos? When did you see a fight end as quickly as that and the crowd so ecstatic?"

But as a contest, it was a flop. The opponent, John Emmen, of The Netherlands, was not good enough to bring out how much Bruno still has left in him after an absence of nearly three years from the ring.

Duff had felt that Bruno deserved an easy opponent because he had been out of action for so long. "Bruno was not like Sugar Ray Leonard, who was in training all the time; he had actually retired," he said. Duff realises now that he leaned over too far backwards and has to find a more credible opponent next time.

Bruno will be going back to pantomime and will return to the gym in February, so Duff has until March to find Bruno's next opponent. He knows it will not be an easy job. This time, the British Boxing Board of Control will make sure the opponent is a more solid one.

John Morris, the secretary of the board, admitted he had misjudged Emmen's ability. He said: "The next time we are going to make sure he has a better opponent. I was very disappointed. I did not know too much about Emmen but I spoke to the EBU [European Boxing Union] and the ratings committee and they said if Frank is anything like the old Frank Bruno then no, but for the first fight, Emmen is fully capable of giving him a fight."

Duff wants to give Bruno two more bouts before June and then put him in against someone of the level of Francesco Damiani, of Italy, the European champion, who took three rounds to beat Emmen, next autumn. "Much depends on how he looks in his next fight," Duff said. "I haven't thought about his next opponent."

Duff will be going to Atlanta for the world heavyweight championship bout between Evander Holyfield and Bert Cooper tomorrow. Lennox Lewis, the British and European heavyweight champion, will be boxing Tyrell Biggs on the undercard, and Duff could well take another look at Biggs. He is a good name but does not take a punch too well. He could be the one for Bruno next time. After all, Gary Mason knocked him out in seven rounds.

Even if the bout with Emmen did not last long enough to form a sensible opinion about Bruno's prospects, the general press view was that Bruno mark two was no better than Bruno mark one, and as such, he has little or no chance of making his way in a world that is more competitive than the one he knew three years ago.

His main flaws are still poor defence and an inability to fight when pushed back. His trainer, George Francis, has been working on parrying and covering up, but getting him to fight his way out of trouble would prove difficult. Bruno is too nice a man to be much more than an "on top fighter".

However, I felt from the boxing point of view he was much better than before, more relaxed and loose. He was not only less mechanical but also appeared to be reading the contest as it progressed, rather than working to a pre-arranged plan.

The first big left hook to the stomach, which almost doubled Emmen up, was a punch of the highest class. I cannot remember him ever throwing a punch with such authority. Even the punch he threw when Emmen was down can be taken as a sign of greater fluency. It was the wrong move but the right direction.

Bruno: less mechanical

TENNIS

S Africa's reforms at risk from protests

From Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent
in Johannesburg

IN A land which has seen 11,000 deaths this year from political violence, the arrest of 41 demonstrators for throwing bags of seeds on to a tennis court at the ATP doubles championships here was hardly the stuff of revolution. In fact, there was some relief at the stadium yesterday that the trouble was so limited and had been settled, at least in the public eye, with the minimum of force.

For a start it gave the Association of Tennis Professionals, the sponsor, Standard Bank, and Tennis South Africa (TSA), the new representative body of the game, the chance to tighten security and try to head off further disruption promised by the supporters of the Tennis Association of South Africa (Tasa), the Coloured group which voluntarily withdrew from the unification process.

The timing of the trouble was certainly unfortunate because it marred what should have been an historic day for South African sport, but as one leading administrator put it: "The dogs bark when the bus goes down the street, but the bus doesn't stop." In other words, there will be protests, but the reforms go on. Better that the outside world learns now that all is not rosy in the sporting garden.

Among the many ironies of the present changes — not least of which was a member of the national executive committee of the African National Congress calling passionately for sport to be kept free of politics — is that tennis, which is alongside cricket at the head of the move towards true sporting unity, is being hit precisely because it is moving too fast towards that goal.

Tasa, a group controlled by the South African Council of Sport and aligned with the left-wing Pan Africanist Congress, accuses the TSA of unifying at national level without having the regional structure to support it, and of organising tournaments before it has achieved unification. There is more than a grain of truth in both claims, but behind them is a more blatant political aim, epitomised by the old apartheid cry "no normal sport in an abnormal society" emblazoned on one of the protesters' banners. Only when there is one person, one vote, will Tasa — and its equivalents in other sports — play ball, and that could take months.

In the mean time, the TSA is funding programmes worth just over £1 million to stimulate the game among black people in the townships and rural areas. The results of previous programmes sponsored by Satu are already bearing fruit. The top two under-14 players in South Africa, Jeof Coetzee and Jason Sholtenkamp, are Coloured. But the grass growing knee high on the courts at Kwa Thema and at the Arthur Ashe Foundation in Soweto bears more eloquent testimony to years of dereliction and misplaced priorities. The locals deemed the wire netting more useful for building shanty towns than protecting tennis courts.

Now, the TSA is to invest £50,000 in renewing the Kwa Thema courts. So what guarantee is there that the people's priorities have changed? "Before, everything was done by the government. The courts were suddenly put down and that was that," Moffatt Lephuthing, of the TSA, says. "This time, we will involve the communities, make them realise the courts are ours. I'm confident it will happen."

Lephuthing, who is black, is co-ordinator of development in the townships. Last Tuesday, for the first time under the banner of the TSA, 600 children aged between five and 22 came to Ellis Park for coaching. "The problem is that most of the really talented kids come from poor backgrounds and they get discouraged if they get no help and they receive little help from clubs or in the schools."

Over half of the funding for the TSA development projects comes from sponsorship. In return, sponsors want international tournaments to generate publicity and profits. Contrary to opinion outside, the coffers are not overflowing. In calling for an end to this tournament, therefore, the supporters of Tasa are cutting off a vital source of cash for their own people, and that is perhaps the biggest irony of the lot.

Poise and balance: Capriati prepares to return to Tauziat in the Virginia Slims championships in New York

Capriati overcomes fitness problem

From Barry Wood
in New York

WHILE Monica Seles cruelly exposed the limitations of Julie Halard with a 37-minute 6-1, 6-0 assassination, Jennifer Capriati was taken to the brink of defeat by Nathalie Tauziat before reaching the quarter-finals of the Virginia Slims championships yesterday.

There are several reasons behind Capriati's difficulty in winning 5-7, 6-0, 7-6. She is suffering from a groin strain, aggravated against Seles during the Philadelphia final last Sunday, and she found it difficult to move wide to the ball. Tauziat is also an able opponent, with wins over three top-five players this year.

Finally, Capriati is showing, at 15 years of age, disturbing signs of developing a weight problem. She looked a little podgy, and there are indications of a double chin. Pavel Slozil, with whom she begins working next month, will obviously have to take her in hand.

Tauziat's serious approach to her game has earned her a career-best ranking of 13. Her forehand is a formidable weapon, but she is hindered by a lack of consistency and concentration. Instead of consolidating her position after winning the first set, she lost eight successive games.

Once she had regained control of an errant backhand, Tauziat was able to renew her challenge, and six times came within two points of victory. "In the second set I wanted to win the point too early and tried to play too fast," she said. "In the first set I slowed down and put more volleys in the court."

Seles, who exceeded Martina Navratilova's record single-year earnings of $2,173,556 with her victory, received only a lukewarm reception from the crowd of 12,000. Halard was overpowered and outclassed by Seles, who, after recovering from 0-40 in the opening game, conceded just 16 points.

Meanwhile, Gerry Smith, executive director of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), has attempted to defuse the controversy surrounding plans to break away from the Women's International Professional Tennis Council, the sport's governing body.

Although contracts with Kraft General Foods and Junior Slims are not due to expire until 1995, rumours have suggested that the WTA was prepared to go out on their own as early as 1993. "We will honour our agreements," Smith said. "We don't want to be revolutionary, we want to be evolutionary."

FIRST ROUND: J Novotna (Cz) bt M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz), 6-0, 3-6, 6-3; M Seles (Yug) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-1, 6-0; J Capriati (US) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 5-7, 6-0, 7-6.

Event's lesser lights seize the chance to shine

Johannesburg — Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Jim Courier and Michael Chang were among players approached to compete here in the South African Open next week. But Connors and McEnroe set too high a price for Tennis South Africa (TSA), the united body which is organising the $120,000 challenger (Andrew Longmore writes).

Connors, it is believed, wanted more than $300,000 to play and McEnroe $200,000. "We just don't have that sort of money," Johann Barnard, the vice-president of TSA said yesterday. "They were among our most vigorous critics in the past, now they should help us." The entry of 32 includes Goran Ivanisevic, Pat Cash, Jakob Hlasek and Petr Korda, the world No. 9, who will be the top seed, but the idea that there will be unlimited finance for this sport-starved country is a problem administrators might come across often.

On court yesterday, Pat Galbraith and Todd Witsken beat Tom Nijssen and Cyril Suk, 7-6, 6-2, in the opening match on the second day of the Standard Bank world doubles championships, and the top seeds, John Fitzgerald and Anders Jarryd, beat the Canadians, Grant Connell and Glenn Michibata, 7-6, 6-4, for a semi-final place.

SPORTS POLITICS

Manchester need a united front in bid for Games

From David Miller in Monte Carlo

JOHN Holt concluded here his last main public function as general secretary of the International Amateur Athletics Federation. When he joins the Manchester Bid Committee for the 2000 Olympic Games, in January, there will be few in sport who have a closer working knowledge of what a host city requires.

The size of Manchester's task has mounted with the emergence this week of a powerful campaign by Milan, energetically supported by the Italian Olympic Committee (Coni). Milan are making their first public presence at the meeting of the European National Olympic Committees (NOCs) today in Istanbul. Bob Scott, the Manchester chairman, arrived there on Wednesday accidentally without a passport, but such was the reception at the airport that Turkish immigration officials were obliged to admit him on sheer public acclaim.

"It is important that we are the strongest bid from a European city," Holt said yesterday at the International Athletic Foundation's sixth annual gala. "The strength of the unsuccessful 1996 bid was the ease of travel between stadiums and village, and that has to be emphasised again, together with the creation of new facilities. Several IOC [International Olympic Committee] members, such as Un Yong Kim, of South Korea, have told me of their enthusiasm for Manchester, but that our plans must have moved beyond the drawing-board stage."

Milan's candidacy was unsure until recent confirmation of backing by Coni and by central government. This illustrates the importance of support for Manchester from the British Olympic Association and from Westminster, the former not visibly evident up to now; if anything, it is damagingly lukewarm. British interest is not served, for instance, by criticism of Manchester by Ron Emes, chairman of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, at a recent conference in Sweden. Such elected officers of national bodies should show a united British front even when, as in the case of Emes, he was associated with the defeated London bid.

Manchester have this week provided answers to the 20 or so points raised by John Major at their first meeting with the prime minister, and are scheduled for a second meeting on December 16.

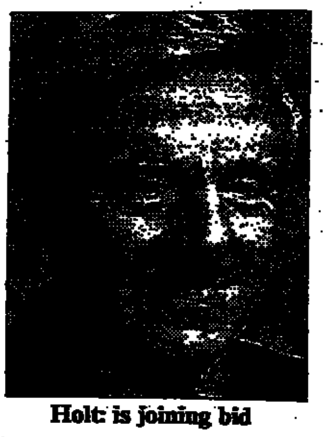
A united Berlin has previously been seen as the romantic favourite from Europe, but recent political demonstrations by neo-Nazis, including wanton destruction in Brussels at Wednesday's European championship qualifying football match, has seriously dented their image.

The early publicity material from Milan, the economic capital of Italy, is formidable: a new airport at Malpensa, new congress, business and technology centres, redeveloped rail and road systems and central station, and a projected main stadium with the ultimate in sophisticated communication by which television viewers can select their own viewing point. All this, however, has to be co-ordinated within the reality of a tangible Olympic programme, the same problem that faces Brasilia.

The encouraging news from all bidding cities is that the IOC is formulating plans for rationalising the voting process in time for the 2000 decision in 1993, at the Session here in Monte Carlo.

Possibilities under discussion by the special sub-committee of the IOC executive are expected to be a preliminary reduction of candidates, perhaps to two or three, and maybe even for the final vote to be taken by a combined panel of nominated IOC members plus international federation and NOC representatives. This would circumvent the opportunity for 90 IOC members to travel the world "fact finding".

The acknowledged corruption in the voting process of a small minority of IOC members is causing untold harm. Leading figures, such as the vice-presidents, Keba M'baye, of Senegal, and Kevan Gosper, of Australia, are working diligently at producing a formula which will protect the IOC's, and their own, reputation for fair dealing.



Holt: is joining bid

Japanese look to their idol for home success

Richard **Evans, *Racing* Correspondent,** observes the promotional circus of Tokyo's big turf event

JAPAN'S racing heart-throb was nowhere to be seen and the first race was more than 48 hours away, but that did not stop around 5,000 spectators making their way to Tokyo racecourse by breakfast yesterday.

In between watching recordings of European races on one of the two giant screens in the middle of the course, the respectfully quiet crowd concentrated on the workouts by some of the foreign competitors in the Japan Cup on Sunday, searching for vital clues to try to identify the winner of the £660,000 first prize.

The nation's racing afficionados were checking to see if there were any obvious dangers to Mejiro McQueen, who will start a strongly-backed favourite.

Arguably the best Japanese racehorse for a decade, Mejiro McQueen will be ridden by the youthful Yutaka Take. The young jockey enjoys great popularity outside as well as inside turf circles — "especially among young women", according to his biographical notes.

The eleventh running of the Japan Cup is probably the most open, and the "if factor" is a significant one.

If Rock Hopper's form has not been affected by an injury-induced lay-off, he must be in the shake-up; if Shaftesbury Avenue stays a mile and a half, Australia must have a chance of winning the race for the second year running; if Golden Pheasant recaptures his Arlington Million or Nashwan-defeating form, the lone American raider will surely provide Charlie Whittingham with another big-race triumph; if Terimon's appearance and work here are anything to go by, Lady Beaverbrook should have the champagne on ice. And so on.

Trainers, jockeys and lads were questioned at length at a press conference attended by at least 150 Japanese journalists and numerous television crews, in an attempt to eliminate some of the ifs.

Fat chance. Have you ever heard a trainer declare (before a race): "My horse travelled badly, I hate your racetrack and I don't think my horse has got much chance of winning"?

No. Every horse loved being flown halfway round the world, every jockey loved the firm going, every connection was delighted with his runner's progress at the tail end of a long season, etc, etc.

A few gems did emerge from the hour-long cross-examination. Unlike their American and Australian counterparts, British trainers are not used to such a concentrated media spotlight.

Lord Huntingdon, trainer of Drum Taps, was at his most inscrutable when asked if his five-year-old horse could clock 2min 25sec, the time deemed necessary to win the big race. "We will know on Sunday," he said. The titled trainer's dry wit was slightly lost on the domestic press corps.

Lanfranco Dettori, a wonderful ambassador abroad, slipped up when he was asked about his race-riding tactics for Sunday. He whispered briefly to Lord Huntingdon, perhaps forgetting for a moment that one of the reasons for Japan's economic success is the performance of Sony and others in developing highly sensitive recording equipment. The Italian sotto voce was quickly picked up and amplified. "Shall I tell them?"

Of the British contingent, Terimon has looked the most impressive. His coat still retains a summer gleam and Michael Roberts had a devil of a job in pulling him up after working on the grass track yesterday.

Jimmy Scott, Michael Stoute's head travelling lad, will partner Rock Hopper in his first piece of serious work at the couse this morning.

But the thousands of Japanese eyes will be looking elsewhere, especially if they are female. Mr Take, who appears to be much sought after in every sense, will partner his mount at the racetrack for the first time.

Funnily enough, there have been very few ifs about Mejiro McQueen.

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CYCLING

Early time-trials may decide Milk Race

By Peter Bryan

AN INDIVIDUAL time-trial and one for teams on the first two days next year of the 1,100-mile Milk Race route, which was announced yesterday by the National Dairy Council, could be the decisive stages.

The race returns to Penzance, the starting point this year, for the individual prologue time-trial on May 24 before a split stage the next day, a 14-mile team time-trial from Land's End to Penzance followed by the first road racing stage, from Bodmin to Bideford.

The team time-trial, involving 18 squads starting at three-minute intervals, will be on roads closed to all other traffic for the first time in the 35-year history of the event.

The route, through Wales, the Midlands and Lancashire, makes the west-to-east crossing of England from Blackpool to Darlington before finishing with a circuit race in Lincoln on June 6.

Twelve amateur and six professional teams of six riders compete, but it is not known whether Banana-Falcon, the winners in 1990 and this year, will defend the title. Chris Walker is now riding for a United States team with another former Banana colleague, Rob Holden. Banana-Falcon have still to confirm their 1992 team sponsorship.

ROUTE: May 24: Prologue time-trial, Penzance. 25: Land's End to Penzance, team time-trial; Bodmin to Bideford. 26: Ilfracombe to Weston-super-Mare. 27: Ebbw Vale to Aberystwyth. 28: Aberystwyth to Newcastle under Lyme. 29: Derby to Barnsley. 30: Sheffield to Liverpool. 31: Southport to Preston. June 1: rest day. 2: Blackpool to Darlington. 3: Durham to Sunderland. 4: Newcastle upon Tyne to Scarborough. 5: York to Lincoln. 6: Lincoln circuit race.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Second division

Tranmere v Swindon

Third division

Bournemouth v Brentford (7.45)
Wigan v Bury

Fourth division

Halifax v Scarborough (7.45)
Rotherham v Walsall

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Peterlee Newtown v South Bank.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE (7.0): First division: Featherstone Rovers v Widnes; Halifax v Wigan; Leeds v Castleford; Oldham v St Helens; Wakefield Trinity v Bradford Northern. Second division: Scarbrough v Hunslet (at Goole).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Hemel Hempstead Royals v Leicester Riders.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow).
SNOOKER: UK Championships (Preston).

Ford move

Tony Ford, the West Bromwich Albion midfield football player, aged 32, yesterday rejoined his former club, Grimsby Town.

Derby County get another new owner

Pickering returns to buy the club which banned him

By Chris Moore

DERBY County yesterday changed ownership for the second time in five months after a local businessman, Lionel Pickering, who has twice been banned from the Baseball Ground, purchased the controlling interest in the second-division club.

Pickering had a £3 million offer for Derby turned down in July by Robert Maxwell, who accused him of "trying to buy the club on the cheap" and of "not being a fit person" to own the club.

Maxwell, who later agreed to a boardroom buyout, banned Pickering from the ground for "using the media" to put him under pressure.

In the late 1960s, Brian Clough, the former Derby manager, had imposed a similar ban after taking exception to an article in a local newspaper owned by Pickering. But yesterday Pickering was welcomed onto the Derby board as the new vice-chairman, together with accountant Michael Mills, his personal financial director, after buying the controlling interest for around £700,000 from Brian Fearne, who will remain as chairman.

"Lionel Pickering is a hugely successful businessman and a life-long supporter of the club," Fearne said. "He will play a vital role in securing a bright and prosperous future for Derby County."

Before announcing the appointment, however, Fearne had contacted Ian Maxwell for his "blessing", which was given.

Pickering made a personal fortune, estimated at more than £50 million, after setting up a free newspaper group in the East Midlands, which he sold two years ago for £26 million.

Michael Dunford, Derby's general manager, confirmed that Pickering will make an immediate "substantial" financial investment in the club and will hold the majority shareholding as Derby strive for promotion and a place in the new Premier League next year.

Pickering's initial cash injection will enable Arthur Cox, the manager, to buy the forwards, Ian Ormondroyd and Bobby Davison, who are on loan. Ormondroyd will cost £350,000 from Aston Villa, with Davison valued at around £100,000 by Leeds United.

Further cash will also be be made available for Cox to spend as he sees fit.

There will also be further boardroom changes. David Cox, who became a director only five months ago, yesterday had his resignation "reluctantly" accepted, while Peter Gadsby, the former joint vice-chairman, is understood to be considering his future.

Stuart Webb, the former managing director, will remain on the board after making a personal plea to Pickering yesterday morning.

Last night Pickering said his first priority was to untie Cox's hands in the transfer market.

"I regard him as the best manager in the League and believe our best chance of success is to give him some room to move," he said.

"But there is no way we will be doing a Blackburn by putting virtually unlimited sums at his disposal. We will not pay over the odds for players and I have not come in with a bottomless purse.

"We have got close to £2 million worth of debts to clear so that we can stop £300,000 draining from the club in interest charges."

Doubt over Cowans

GORDON Cowans, the Aston Villa midfield player recognised as one of the best passers in England, may have played his last game for club he first joined 18 years ago (Chris Moore writes).

His future was in doubt after Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, confirmed he was willing to release him. It was only last season that Cowans, aged 33, was recalled to the England team by Graham Taylor, in preference to Paul Gascoigne, for the European championship qualifier against the Republic of Ireland, in Dublin.

He played in Villa's first nine games this season but has since lost his place to the England Under-21 international, Mark Blake. "I have a great respect for Cowans as a player and as a man," Atkinson said. "But I can't guarantee anyone a place."

Plans for all-seat stadium

By Martin Searby

HUDDERSFIELD Town announced yesterday that they have joined with the rugby league club and the local authority in a venture to provide a 20,000 all-seat stadium within the next three years.

Kirklees council have given the scheme approval with backing of £2 million, the sale of the football club's famous Leeds Road ground is expected to inject a similar sum, and the oldest club in the rugby league will also be able to dispose of their Fartown ground and share with their rivals.

The 28-acre site, just across the road from the ground which saw the first division title won for three consecutive years between 1924 and 1926, will also provide a leisure centre, riding school, golf range, and arena for gymnastics as well as an office block, hotel, and shops.

☐ No proceedings will be taken by police in connection with the incident involving Ian Wright, of Arsenal, in the League match at Oldham on Saturday but the FA could still press ahead with a disrepute charge on receiving a report from Oldham police today.

Stalybridge make league a priority

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL by Walter Gammie

STALYBRIDGE Celtic's only defeat of the season came at the hands of Gretna in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round that delivered the Scottish club into the hands of the curiosity seekers. But a 3-0 win at Matlock on Saturday, ensured Stalybridge stayed top of the HFS Loans League, unbeaten in 18 matches.

The struggle for the title, however, promises to be closer than the last two seasons when Colne Dynamoes and Witton Albion ran away with the honours. **Leek, Marine, Hyde, Buxton** and **Morecambe** remain firmly in the hunt. Stalybridge finished second last season, surprising Phil Wilson, the manager, who had taken over in November 1989 and faced a fight against relegation.

"The first thing I did was tighten up the defence," Wilson said. "And last season we finished with the lowest goals against figure, but also the second lowest goal scorers. We won 14 games 1-0. This year, we are giving away slightly more goals but we are scoring a lot more."

Chris Camden, signed by Wilson at the start of the season, is almost single-handedly responsible for the goal glut, scoring 22 in 22 matches. Camden emphasised his form by scoring twice for the HFS Loans League XI that beat an FA XI 3-1 on Tuesday as part of the selection series for the England semi-professional team.

Attendances have risen steadily and Wilson is looking to four-figure crowds for the derby matches against Mossley, Hyde and Droylesden. "The pressure of population in Tameside is enormous and there is potential for a League club," Wilson said.

After a run of 12 successive defeats, **Bognor Regis**, of the Diadora League premier division, were happy to draw 2-2 with high-riding **Kingstonian** on Monday. The long-serving Mick Pullen played his 800th match and Bognor fielded a home-town boy, Geoff Cooper, on loan from Barnet.

Kingstonian has lost the services of coach, Fred Callaghan, who has taken over as manager at **Basingstoke**. After throwing away a 4-1 lead at **Carshalton** on Saturday, defensive problems continued to trouble Chris Kelly's Kingstonian side as the substitute, Biddle, gave Bognor their precious point after the prolific pairing of Vines and Smart had put Kingstonian ahead.

Sainz alive: The Spaniard and his co-driver, Moya, prepare for the Lombard RAC Rally, starting on Sunday

Sainz needs to beat the Finn

By Stephen Slater

CARLOS Sainz, of Spain, starts the Lombard RAC Rally on Sunday within sight of his second successive world championship crown, having won five of the 14 world championship rallies this season.

His victories on the Monte Carlo, Portugal, Corsica, New Zealand and Argentina events ought to have settled the championship, but Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, driving a Lancia, has kept the issue alive until the final round.

Sainz must finish ahead of Kankkunen to be sure of the championship and Toyota has swung its full effort behind him and his co-driver Luis Moya, in an attempt to defend their title. They have cancelled the entries of two other drivers, Michael Ericsson and Mats Jonsson, to concentrate on providing support for the Spaniard's swift yet complex Toyota Celica.

The turbo-charged coupe packs around 300hp, pushed through a six-speed gearbox to an intricate four-wheel drive system but on the recent Catalonia Rally, the Team Toyota Europe mechanics proved capable of changing a damaged gearbox, by the roadside, in just eight minutes.

Yet even the Toyota support group were unable to keep Sainz in the event when the electronic ignition system failed after an overnight halt and Sainz lost the opportunity to take the title on home ground. This was a bitter blow to Sainz, aged 29, his country's first notable of motor sport.

Last year, the Spanish Minister of Sport travelled to Italy to see Sainz claim the title and a huge crowd gathered at Madrid airport to welcome the champion home. King Juan Carlos even climbed into the co-driver's seat of the Toyota for a demonstration run through the palace grounds and perhaps the ultimate honour for Sainz was an invitation to train with Real Madrid football team at the San Bernabeu stadium.

Sainz's performance on the pitch was probably no disappointment either because he is a superb all-round sportsman. At the age of 16, he was a national squash champion and later represented his country in downhill skiing as well as being an accomplished tennis player.

By the time he was 18, his attention had turned to motor sports. Even then he seemed keen to prove his versatility, mixing motor racing with rallying and even proving to be a front runner in the Formula Ford Festival at Brands Hatch.

Sainz made his mark on international rallying in 1987, when he contested his first Lombard RAC Rally and amazed observers by taking eighth place in slippery conditions very different to the beat and dust of Spain. By 1989 he had joined Toyota and looked bound for victory on the RAC until transmission problems on the final day forced him to settle for second place.

The following year, Sainz went one place better, winning the Lombard RAC and the championship after a prolonged tussle with Kankkunen.

Nor has his superiority to the Finn been confined to the road. Sainz is particularly proud of his most recent victory, on the golf course. "José-María Olazábal is a friend of mine," was his explanation.

RUGBY UNION

WRU must recognise need for change

By Gerald Davies

THE Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) policy and planning committee meets at Bridgend today and tomorrow to discuss four papers.

One paper considers under-19 rugby and another selection and the support systems which should attend it. The others, one of which is by an independent working party set up by the union, are concerned with constitutional and organisational matters of the union itself.

Each has a special merit for the future. But it is the last two which should have priority. If the organisation of the union is thought to be unsatisfactory, and if its constitution fails to serve the needs of the game, other issues must be considered secondary.

This has the appearance of urgency — except that the working party has been in existence for three years, and its draft recommendations of 18 months ago were thrown out. Instead of concentrating on the wording of the constitution, which was its brief, the working party believed it should simultaneously consider the organisation of the union.

The WRU saw its cosy position threatened. Out it went. Tomorrow morning, it's back on the agenda.

"It is important to consider the organisational structure," Denis Evans, the WRU secretary, said, "to see whether it matches the level of excellence we require. We need the right kind of information. But we don't want change simply for the sake of change.

"For example, we already have an executive committee, set apart from the general committee, and which is empowered, on an *ad hoc* basis, to make decisions within certain parameters. Perhaps this ought now to be a formal part of the decision-making of the union, with members elected for what they can contribute rather than for the positions they hold.

"Should there be a chairman, for instance, who serves for a period of time rather than changes annually because he, ex-officio, is also the president? Should presidents, as they have in England, also remain for a time after their year of office is over to lend continuity as well as the benefit of their experience?

"All this is part of the debate, and what we finally come up with must reflect the strength of Welsh rugby."

Whether the WRU committee truly represents Welsh rugby is a moot point. Only last year, in these columns, it was pointed out that clubs in Gwent are mandated never to vote for any candidate who emerges from what was then termed the major clubs. Former Welsh international players were known to have been snubbed by the process.

This is a topic of another paper. Who should be represented on the WRU? Is geographical or regional representation the best way? Who are they meant to represent? Can their roles be defined?

Now that the Heineken League is established, should these clubs be specifically represented, along with district leagues, so that large and small clubs can find their way on to the union? These matters have not been attended to too seriously in the past by a self-regarding membership which wishes to defend its privileged position.

Organisational change, therefore, is necessary. The decade of failure for the team reflects a decade of a committee's failure to discharge its constitutional duty to improve the game.

The buck ultimately must stop with it.

GOLF

Daly on a charge of careless driving

From Patricia Davies
in Miyazaki, Japan

JOHN Daly, the big-hitting sensation of the golf year, gave his driver away yesterday, midway through the first round of the Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Miyazaki, on the southern island of Kyushu. It had been a badly-behaved wild thing, and the United States PGA champion was out in a miserable 42, six over par, including a triple-bogey seven at the 5th.

Daly found the black pine-lined fairways a little tight for his taste and confessed he found himself blushing at his performance. "I wish I could have played better because it was my first show in Japan," he said.

Daly managed four birdies coming home to salvage a 76, four over par. It left him ten shots behind the leader, Mark Brooks, a slow-talking Texan who won the Greater Greensboro and Milwaukee Opens this season. Brooks's 66 was a stroke better than fellow-Americans David Ishii and Nolan Henke, and they were followed by an array of 68s that featured the formidable Hispano-Scottish axis of Severiano Ballesteros, José-Maria Olazábal and Sandy Lyle.

Ballesteros provided an object lesson for Daly. The European No. 1 missed ten fairways out of fourteen. A *little* erratic?

"I was in trouble off the tee," Ballesteros said. "But I nearly shot 67. I missed a ten-foot birdie putt, uphill, at the last."

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (Japan unless stated): 66: M Brooks (US). 67: D Ishii (US), N Henke (US). 68: A Lyle (GB), S Ballesteros (Sp), J-M Olazábal (Sp), M Martin (Sp), K Hasegawa, M Kimura. 69: T M Chen (Taiwan), A Yokoyama, A Ohmachi, J Sluman (US), J D Blake (US), R MacKay (Aus). 70: M Reid (US), L Nelson (US), T Yoneyama, K Takahashi, T Sugihara, L Mize (US), H Makino, T C Chen (Tai). 71: S Kanai, S Kawamata, F Minoza (Phil), B Wadkins (US), P-U Johansson (Swe), N Sugai, M Harwood (Aus), K Knox (US), S Hoch (US), R Cochran (US), M Ozaki

Player's form is princely

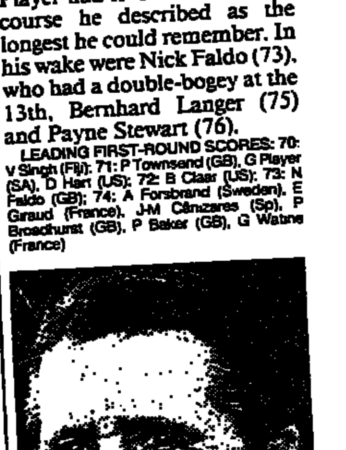
From Simon Wilde
in Rabat

WHEN King Hassan, of Morocco, opened the spectacular royal Dar Es Salam course here 22 years ago, there was a bloody but unsuccessful attempt to assassinate him. Undeterred, he went ahead with plans for an international tournament and this week is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Hassan Trophy, even if it is inside a cordon of security.

The king has a course, measuring 7,200 yards, which tested the regal names chasing a first prize of $100,000. It was remarkable, therefore, that yesterday it was one of the oldest swingers in town, Gary Player, who outshone the powerhouses.

Player shot a 71, two under par, to lie equal second, one stroke behind Vijay Singh. Player had five birdies from a course he described as the longest he could remember. In his wake were Nick Faldo (73), who had a double-bogey at the 13th, Bernhard Langer (75) and Payne Stewart (76).

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES: 70: V Singh (Fiji). 71: P Townsend (GB), G Player (SA), D Hart (US). 72: B Claar (US). 73: N Faldo (GB). 74: A Forsbrand (Sweden), E Giraud (France), J-M Cânizares (Sp), P Broadhurst (GB), P Baker (GB), G Watine (France)



Player: in the swing

IN BRIEF

Manjrekar unbeaten

Ravi Shastri, the acting captain, and Sanjay Manjrekar, unbeaten on 116, led India's cricketers to an eight-wicket victory over a New South Wales Country XI in Wagga Wagga yesterday.

Set 221 to win from 50 overs, India gained the target with 16 balls to spare to record their first win on the tour of Australia.

SCORES: NSW Country XI 220-7 (50 overs: G Geise 102; M Prabhakar 5-26); India XI 221-2 (47.2 overs: R J Shastri 72, S V Manjrekar 116 not out).

☐ Australia will tour Sri Lanka in August 1992, ending a five-year isolation of foreign teams.

Seed unseated

Tennis: The British Davis Cup player, Chris Wilkinson, yesterday beat the sixth seed, Carl Limberger, from Australia, 6-2, 7-6 to reach the quarter-finals of the Men's Challenger tournament in Auckland.

Nelson defence

Boxing: Azumah Nelson, of Ghana, will defend his WBC super-featherweight title against Jeff Fenech, of Australia, in Melbourne in March.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Men: Semi-final rounds: Group A: Belgium 77, Czechoslovakia 75; Turkey 91, Netherlands 90. Group B: Portugal 68, Germany 84; Israel 109, Poland 85. Group C: England 62 (Bucknall 14, Byrd 9, R Brown 9, Henlan 8, Gordon 8, Millar 8, R Scantlebury 4), Bulgaria 53 (Ionov 11, Natov 9); Denmark 48, Soviet Union 103. Group D: Hungary 58, Sweden 84; Romania 73, Greece 82.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 116, Sacramento Kings 104; Seattle Supersonics 91, Detroit Pistons 88; New York Knicks 92, Dallas Mavericks 89; Boston Celtics 116, Indiana Pacers 101; Utah Jazz 107, Orlando Magic 102; San Antonio Spurs 113, Minnesota Timberwolves 108; Charlotte Hornets 105, Cleveland Cavaliers 108; Philadelphia 76ers 114, Miami Heat 107; Phoenix Suns 113, Denver Nuggets 97; Chicago Bulls 112, Golden State Warriors 108.

BILLIARDS

DELHI: Palm Beach World Masters Championship: Quarter-finals: M Ferriera (India) bt M Russell (GB), 5-1; J Murphy (GB) bt I Williamson (GB), 5-2; N Dagley (GB) bt R Close (GB), 5-3.

BOBSLEIGH

WINTERBERG, Germany: World Cup four-man event: 1, Switzerland I, 1min 54.81sec; 2, Germany I, 1:55.06; 3, Lithuania, 1:55.35; 4, Britain 1, (M Tout, P Field, G Farrell, L Paul, 1:55.39). 5, Germany II, 1:55.42. World Cup positions: 1, Hoppe, 80pts; 2, C Lori (Can), 78; 3, Tout, 70; 4, I Appelt (Austria), 67; 5, Ekmanis.

RUGBY UNION

UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP: Durham 6, Leeds 44; Hull 26, Sheffield 24; Lancaster 20, Manchester 7; Loughborough 88, Exeter 0; Salford 30, Liverpool 7; Swansea 15, Leicester 0. BRITISH POLYTECHNIC CHAMPIONSHIP: Manchester 6, Staffordshire 28; Newcastle 8, Leeds 13; Sheffield 30, Huddersfield 4. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Air Force 38, Luddites 11. CLUB MATCH: London Irish 9, Cardiff University 3. SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bearwood College 54, Cokethorpe 0; Campion 7, Hampton 13; Eltham College 28, Dartford GS 0; Kelly College 60, Richard Huish 0; King's, Taunton 54, Queen's, Taunton 0; Maidstone GS 4, Duke of York's RMS 9; Pangbourne College 11, Abingdon 4; Stowe 28, Royal Latins 9; Wrekin College 9, Ellesmere College 29. National Cup: South-East region: Semi-final: St Olaves 24, Emanuel 12. Daily Mail Cup: Magdalen College 4, RGS High Wycombe 21.

FOOTBALL

Late results from Wednesday

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: France 3, Iceland 1. Group five: Belgium 0, Germany 1. Group six: Portugal 1, Greece 0. BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil: South American Supercup final: Second leg: Cruzeiro Belo Horizonte (Brazil) 3, River Plate (Argentina) 0. Cruzeiro win 3-2 on aggregate. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 1, Waterlooville 2; Corby 3, Atherstone 1; Poole 2, Gloucester 1; VS Rugby 2, Moor Green 1; Wealdstone 2, Cambridge City 3. Midland division: Hinckley 1, Hednesford 1; Solihull 2, Bridgnorth 1. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 0, Nottingham Forest 3; Blackburn 0, Aston Villa 2; Bolton 2, West Bromwich 0; Leeds 0, Everton 0. Second division: Blackpool 5, York 1; Hull 0, Preston 0; Oldham 1, Huddersfield 2; Scunthorpe 2, Burnley 1.

TABLE TENNIS

BARCELONA: World Team Cup: Men: Group A: Germany bt United States 3-0; Sweden bt England 3-2 (Swedish names first): J Persson bt M Syed, 21-7, 20-22, 21-12; E Lindh lost to C Prean, 21-14, 16-21, 18-21; J-O Waldner bt Chen Xinhua, 18-21, 21-15, 21-13; Persson lost to Prean, 15-21, 16-21; Lindh bt Syed, 21-12, 17-21, 21-19. Group B: South Korea bt Nigeria 3-0; Belgium bt Canada 3-1. Group C: China bt Australia 3-0; Austria bt Czechoslovakia 3-1. Group D: France bt Yugoslavia 3-0; North Korea bt Spain 3-0. Women: Group A: China bt Sweden 3-1; Soviet Union bt Spain 3-0; Group B: France bt Finland 3-0; Japan bt Denmark 3-0. Group C: Czechoslovakia bt United States 3-0; South Korea bt Yugoslavia 3-0. Group D: North Korea bt England 3-0 (Korean names first): Li Bun-hui bt L Lomas, 21-16, 14-21, 21-13; Yu Sun-bok bt A Holt 21-9, 21-19; Li Mi-suk bt F Elliott, 21-10, 21-10; Hungary bt Australia 3-1.

TENNIS

JOHANNESBURG: ATP doubles championship: Second round: T Witsken (US) and P Galbraith (US) bt T Nijssen (Neth) and C Suk (Cz), 7-6, 6-2; A Jarryd (Swe) and J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt G Connell (Can) and G Michibata (Can), 7-6, 6-4. AUCKLAND: Men's Challenger tournament: Selected results: Singles: Second round: C Wilkinson (GB) bt C Limberger (Aus), 6-2, 7-6. SHEFFIELD: LTA Winter series: Men: Third section, second round: A Mustill bt J Canera 6-1, 6-3. Third round: A Kershaw bt R Hinkles, 6-4, 6-3; S Breese bt P Jessop, 7-6, 6-0; Mustill bt M Wallhead 6-2, 6-2; G Hobbs bt R Clarke, 6-2, 6-2. Tableau finals: B McGuire bt Mustill, 6-3, 6-0; B Cowan bt Kershaw, 6-0, 6-2; L Tavolari bt S Breese, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; M Tomlinson bt G Hobbs, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6.

BOXING

ALBERT HALL: WBO middleweight title (12 rnds): Gerald McClellan (US) bt John Mugabi (Uganda), rsc first rnd; Heavy (10 rnds): Frank Bruno (Wandsworth) bt John Emmen (Neth), ko first rnd; Light-heavy (8 rnds): John Keighan (Swansea) bt Keith Inglis (Tunbridge Wells), rsc first rnd; Welter (8 rnds): Derek Grainger (Bethnal Green) drew with Chris Blake (Croydon); Gary Jacobs (Glasgow) bt Peter Eubank (Brighton), pts. Light (8 rnds): Billy Schwer (Luton) bt Marcel Herbert (Newport), pts. CARDIFF: Light-heavyweight (6 rnds): Julian Johnson (Swansea) drew with Nigel Rafferty (Swansea); Super-middle (8 rnds): Nicky Piper (Cardiff) bt Carlos Christie (Birmingham), ko sixth rnd; Light-middle (6 rnds): Alan Richards (Barry) bt Russel Washer (Swansea), pts; Kevin Sheeran (Crawley) bt Horace Fleary (Huddersfield), rsc second rnd; Light (8 rnds): Tony Borg (Cardiff) bt Felix Kelly (Paddington), pts

STUDENT SPORT

COMMERCIAL UNION UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Rugby union: York 10, Leeds 6; Newcastle 36, Hull 4; Durham 17, Sheffield 9; Keele 28, Lancaster 4; UMIST 3, Liverpool 40; Bradford 16, Manchester 14; Warwick 37, Leicester 21; Loughborough 52, Birmingham 25; Bristol 19, Southampton 13; Exeter 26, Cranfield 4; Reading 41, Kings 3; UEA 3, UCL 22; Sussex 15, Surrey 32. Hockey: Men: York 1, Leeds 2; Newcastle 1, Hull 1; Durham 7, Sheffield 0; Keele 2, Lancaster 0; UMIST 2, Liverpool 4; Bradford 3, Manchester 5, Warwick 1, Leicester 0; Loughborough 2, Birmingham 1; Aston 1, Nottingham 3; Bristol 4, Southampton 3; Exeter 2, Cranfield 0; Reading 1, Kings 3; UEA 3, UEA 1; Sussex 3, Surrey. Women: York 0, Leeds 5; Newcastle 3, Hull 0; Durham 0, Sheffield 0; Keele 0, Lancaster 1; UMIST 1, Liverpool 6; Bradford 0, Manchester 7; Warwick 5, Leicester 1; Loughborough 8, Birmingham 0; Aston 0, Nottingham 7; Bristol 7, Southampton 0; Reading 3, Kings 4; UEA 3, UCL 3; Sussex 3, Surrey 1.

CYCLING

GHENT: Six-day race (second night): 1, E De Wilde (Bel) and A Doyle (GB), 134 pts; 2, P Bincoletto (It) and J Veggerby (Den), one lap behind, 142; 3, P Pieters (Neth) and S Tourne (Bel), 132.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey Devils 6, Washington Capitals 5 (OT); Buffalo Sabres 3, Boston Bruins 1; St Louis Blues 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Winnipeg Jets 3, New York Islanders 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Philadelphia Flyers 2

BASKETBALL

Cadle rues Soviet loss over team application

By Nicholas Harling

NO GROUP of players who come under the guidance of Kevin Cadle can ever afford to be anything but quick learners. He has no time for fools, less still for losers. And it was the loss that England suffered in his game as coach against the Soviet Union that rankled, even after the euphoria of Wednesday's 62-53 success over Bulgaria at Leicester had rectified part of the damage.

Had England beaten the Soviets, Cadle knows they would have had one foot in the 1993 European championship finals, instead of standing merely on the brink.

When all around him were reflecting on the Bulgarian win, the coach was still lamenting. "We could have done a better job in Moscow but the team fell apart in the last two minutes."

It was a matter, he said, of the team concentrating for 38 minutes instead of 40. On Wednesday, when they concentrated for the whole 40 minutes, Bulgaria were made to experience the consequences, having the worst of a low scoring match.

"The Russian game showed that we were capable of beating the best," Cadle said, still looking back, "but tonight we finally got over the hump." It was his experience as Kingston coach last season when the club finished seventh in the European Cup that emphasised the vital weaknesses of continental teams.

Although England's profligacy was at times alarming, Alton Byrd passed accurately enough for Steve Bucknall (14 points) to lead home the England shooters. And when Byrd was taking a rest, Karl Brown roused his own Leicester crowd, never more so than with the three-pointer that instigated England's decisive second half rally.

"It is a great day for English basketball," Cadle said. "We've been waiting a long time for this. Confidence-wise, it's going to give the nation a serious boost."

SQUASH RACKETS

Rankings are reflection of Parke's form

SIMON Parke's desperate season reached a new low yesterday when the autumn England ranking list issued by the Squash Rackets Association dropped him from the No. 1 spot he had held since May, to No. 13 (Colin McQuillan writes).

Parke, aged 19, from Harrogate, was the youngest England international in history playing, in the 1989 world team championship and winning the world junior championship in 1990.

But after an expensive league transfer from Cannons to Lambs, his results began to falter. Parke has not survived beyond an international second round through the Australian, Asian and North American circuits.

RANKINGS: Men: 1, P Marshall (Leicestershire); 2, D Harris (Essex); 3, J Nicolle (Hants); 4, C Walker (Essex); 5, P Whitlock (Cheshire). Equal 6, B Beeson (Northumbria); P Gregory (Surrey) and S Meads (Berkshire). 9, J Ransome (Essex); 10, D Meddings (Surrey); 13, S Parke (Yorkshire). Women: 1, M Le Moignan (Hampshire). 2, L Opie (Nottinghamshire); 3, C Jackman (Norfolk); equal 4, S Horner (Yorkshire) and L Soutter (Gloucestershire); 6, S Wright (Kent); 7, F Geaves (Gloucestershire); 8, J Martin (Northumbria), 9, L Charman (Sussex); 10, S Langley (Northants).

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TIM BISHOP

Taking up the Challenge: the skippers named by Chay Blyth to compete in next year's British Steel Challenge round the world yacht race (left to right): Richard Tudor, aged 32, sailmaker, from Pwllheli; Paul Jeffes, 38, boatyard manager, from the Clyde; Adrian Donavan, 33, charter boat skipper, from Plymouth; Michael Golding, 31, fireman, from Slough; Vivien Cherry, 32, engineering manager, from Wokingham; Alec Honey, 48, from Littlehampton, who heads the AA's continental emergency centre at Boulogne; Pete Goss, 29, former Royal Marine commando, from Torpoint, Cornwall; John Chittenden, 51, master mariner, from London; Will Sutherland, 46, management training instructor, from Scaynes Hill, Sussex; and Ian MacGillivray, 35, boatbuilder, from Southampton.

Skippers selected for sea challenge

By Barry Pickthall

A FIREMAN, two boatbuilders, a former Royal Marine commando and a female environmental engineer are among ten intrepid sailors named by Chay Blyth yesterday to skipper the ten identical yachts in next year's British Steel Challenge round the world race.

For Vivien Cherry, an environmental engineer, who beat 160 applicants to the job, the eight-month race is "the ultimate sail". A veteran of the Fastnet and two-person Round Britain races, the Australian Three Peaks event, together with the OSTAR and Two-Star transatlantic marathons, Cherry said: "It's a fantastic challenge and I can't wait to get started."

Ranged against her, however, are some well-known and experienced yachtsmen, including John Chittenden, who skippered the British cruising maxi, Creightons Naturally, in the 1989 Whitbread Round the World race, and Pete Goss, a transatlantic race class winner who has spent the past six months training the crews for the challenge ahead.

Michael Golding, a fireman, is another circumnavigator who also has four transatlantic races to his credit.

The lesser-known figures proved themselves aboard the first of Blyth's identical 67ft steel yachts, British Steel Challenge, during a round Britain cruise earlier this year. "We were looking not just for sailing ability but leadership qualities," he said.

Adrian Donovan, like Chittenden, has served his time in the merchant navy. He has also competed in the two-handed transatlantic race and was the winning skipper of this year's Trans-Arc race.

The crew of 120 have each paid £15,000 to compete in the race. The skippers take over their yachts on April 2, leaving them six months to mould their crews before the race starts from Southampton on September 25.

Clubs attempt to alter Scottish League structure

By Roddy Forsyth

THE Scottish premier division, which was enlarged to 12 teams only this season, may be reconstituted yet again next year if radical proposals by the leading clubs are accepted by the other League members.

An eight-page discussion document, which was presented to the Scottish League management committee yesterday, suggests such innovations as a month-long winter break and the division of the premier and first divisions in mid-season.

The discussion paper is primarily the work of Rangers and Aberdeen, although both clubs were at pains yesterday to stress that they had consulted with a number of other clubs. They hope that by the time formal proposals are put before the League, perhaps at the end of the season, they will have the support of all premier division clubs and at least half of those in the first division.

It is proposed that in mid-season, after each premier division club has completed 22 games, the top eight teams separate from the rest to play for the title and the European club competition places. The bottom four clubs would join the top four in the first division to begin a fresh series of games, which would decide the four teams to make up the premier division dozen for the following season. The scheme is similar to the league structure of a number of European countries, such as Switzerland and Austria.

The first half of the season would conclude on January 1 and would be followed by a four-week winter break. The second stage would get under way with the third round of the Scottish Cup. The break would affect only the top 16 clubs. The rest of the first division and all of the second division would continue playing, with the pools promoters' money divided amongst them.

League fixtures for premier division clubs would thus be reduced from 44 games to 36, with 34 played on Saturdays. International matches would be played either on free Saturdays or on Wednesdays after free Saturdays.

Reserve and youth-team football would be restructured, with premier division youth-team players being farmed out to second division clubs on a quota basis. The league season would begin and finish a week earlier.

Plan to host 1996 European football finals takes shape

Grounds for optimism over England's bid

By Stuart Jones
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THREE of the four venues in which England plans to stage the finals of the European championships in 1996 have been determined. The Football Association will learn next week that the grounds to be used are Old Trafford and Villa Park, as well as Wembley, naturally the main arena.

A site in the North-East is needed to complete the geographical spread, but a suitable all-seat stadium which must be capable of accommodating at least 30,000 spectators has not yet been found there. Those still under consideration are Roker Park, Sunderland, and St James' Park, Newcastle, as well as Elland Road, the Yorkshire home of Leeds United.

Ayresome Park was the North-East's representative during the World Cup finals in 1966 but, although Middlesbrough are in contention for promotion to the Premier League, their ground has yet to be adequately developed. Should all three of the alternatives also fail to meet the requirements, the organisers would reluctantly look elsewhere.

Merseyside (either Anfield or Goodison Park) or North London (Highbury or White Hart Lane) are the alternative locations included in the proposals designed by Glen Kirton, the head of external affairs at the FA. The details are to be submitted to the governing body before the end of next week.

"I think it would show a lack of courtesy to discuss the plans before they have been seen by Uefa," Kirton said yesterday. "However, it is fair to say that we are hopeful that we can bring the biggest football occasion to England since 1966."

The bid, submitted at the end of last year, was reinforced during the summer when, on the advice of Uefa, the European football union, plans to host the World Cup in 1998 were dropped. The diplomatic withdrawal, leaving France as the strong favourites for the global tournament, allowed Kirton to concentrate his energies on the European championship.

The project is on a more manageable scale. Whereas Italy had either to refurbish or to rebuild a dozen arenas in order to hold the last World Cup, for instance, Sweden has had to redecorate only four, in Gothenburg, Malmö, Norrköping and Stockholm, for the European finals next summer.

England's bid is regarded as more competitive than either of the other contenders, Spain, the host of the 1982 World Cup, and The Netherlands. It is perhaps significant that Wembley has already gained the approval of Uefa as the venue of the European Cup final on May 20. Official confirmation is to be announced next month.

Wembley has not been used for such an occasion for 13 years, since Liverpool became champions by beating Bruges 1-0. It will be the focal point of the tournament in 1996 if, as expected, Uefa decides next year to award England the event.

England, qualifying automatically as the hosts, would play all of their games there. To maximise the income, the biggest stadium in the country would also be used for both of the semi-finals, as well as the final itself.

☐ FA officials will back last year's World Cup supporter strategy to try to ensure a trouble-free championships in Sweden involving English and Scottish supporters. David Bloomfield, an FA spokesman, said: "We are planning an identical process and will have meetings with the host nation and the clubs drawn in our group."

Uefa decides against action

By Stuart Jones

THE German Federation will not be punished for the violence which preceded the nation's European championship qualifying tie in Belgium on Wednesday night.

Although 799 German supporters were arrested in Brussels, a spokesman for the European football union (Uefa) confirmed yesterday that no action will be taken because the incidents did not occur at the stadium.

"That is a problem for the Belgian police, not for the federation or Uefa," the spokesman said. Since an official warning had been issued to the Germans earlier in the competition after their tie in Luxembourg was similarly marred, their manager feared that a severe penalty might be imposed.

"The worst thing that could happen to us," Bertie Vogts said, "would be to be suspended like the English clubs, for many years." The Germans, who won 1-0, are almost certain to qualify for the finals. They require only a draw at home to Luxembourg on December 17 to overtake the group leaders, Wales.

Before the game, shops in Brussels were ransacked and mounted police charged rioters. Troublemakers, armed with knives, tear gas and baseball bats, attacked Belgians and Arabs in the city centre and the railway station. Police confirmed that many offenders wore Nazi insignia.

There was no trouble during the match and 6,000 other supporters returned home without incident. Lennart Johansson, the Uefa president, congratulated the Belgians for their security arrangements and predicted that hooliganism, once known as the English disease, will be eradicated within a dozen years.

"The troublemakers are being held on a tighter and tighter leash," he said. "It is no longer possible for one man to be responsible for several hundred games in Europe." He was referring to the former Uefa secretary, Hans Bangerter, who was found guilty of negligence after the Heysel tragedy in 1985.

Lineker in land of rising yen

As Japan prepares for professional football, **Joanna Pitman**, in Nagoya, sees pitfalls awaiting the Englishman in the leading role.

Having been scooped up on one of corporate Japan's famous brand-name shopping sprees, Gary Lineker is going to be working hard to teach Japan what football is all about. In February 1993, he begins a two-year contract as the "superplayer figurehead" of Grampus Eight, a Nagoya-based club in Japan's first professional football league.

While less charitable critics have charged that the "Eight" is the result of Japanese confusion between football and rowing team numbers, it is clear that to most Japanese, the word "football" means American football and the British version, distinguished by its Japanese name, "sakkaa", will slot in somewhere between volleyball and curling.

It appears that even Lineker's proposed teammates will be new to the game. He is likely to spend his first few months explaining the rules to pimply adolescents, who will join Grampus Eight next year, having been brought up on a daily diet of baseball and sumo wrestling.

Playing alongside Lineker, and the raw recruits, will be members of Japan's amateur football teams, people like the deputy section chief of the Toyota domestic windscreen wipers accounts division, who slogs away at a desk for more than 70 hours a week, and kicks a football around on Sundays to keep his heart ticking over.

But, however infuriating his sort may be on the pitch for worldly professionals, the Toyota element is all-important. It is Toyota (with assets of £38 billion), Tokai Bank (with assets of £162 billion) and 18 other companies from the Nagoya region that are providing the league with funding of one billion yen, and will lay down many more billions to lure the World Cup in 2002.

The sponsoring companies are taking a long-term view on their returns, as the average Japanese football game draws a crowd of 4,000. What they are after, in the short term, however, is marketing. Like the leading players of the Nippon Hams baseball team, who munch, presumably for large fees, strings of sausages on prime-time television to advertise their sponsor, it will not be long before Japanese viewers are treated to the sight of a grinning Gary Lineker extolling the virtues of Toyota's latest sporty model.

Before he can do that, he will have to put in several thousand hours boning up on his Japanese which, at present is, according to his non-English speaking director, Narumi Nishigaki, "only a tiny little words".

But, memorising 2,000 Japanese characters and learning how to swallow raw sea urchin and pickles for the early-morning team breakfast is going to be the easy part. For if Lineker thought his spell in Japan would earn him a respite from the arduous English League schedule, he was mistaken. The Japanese play an 11-month season with a minimum of 50 matches. Then, he gets his first few days off, a decadent four-week break, three times the annual holiday of most Japanese professionals.

Leisure is still something of an alien concept in Japan. Baseball, one of the few professional sports in the country, has turned into a revolving door for the scores of Americans attracted by lucrative contracts who soon find that they cannot take the exhausting year-round training schedules and the strict enforcement of the concept of suppression of individualism to cultivate team spirit.

Grampus Eight will not, however, be likely to let go of their biggest potential draw. Hiraki says that Grampus will do their utmost to make Lineker and his family comfortable.

But, apart from devoted students of the ugliest side of the Japanese economic miracle, there are not many foreigners to be found in Nagoya, where the Lineker family will live. This is one of Japan's most conservative and concrete-ridden industrial cities. The Linekers will be living in a house looking out on the central highway interchange, which is one of Nagoya's most celebrated features.

Botham may be considering a move to S Africa

From Andrew Longmore in Johannesburg

IAN Botham may play in South Africa next year. Botham, who is on a speaking tour of the country with Fred Trueman and Dickie Bird, is believed to have had talks with the Currie Cup champions, Western Province, with a view to joining them at the end of next summer.

Western Province officials would not confirm the approach, but the timing would fit in well with the England all-rounder, who will start a new county career with Durham next season after helping Worcestershire to two county championship titles.

Botham: still a big draw

Botham, who was a vociferous critic of apartheid, has turned down lucrative offers in the past to tour South Africa with unofficial England teams. But now that the Republic has been welcomed back into international cricket, Botham could be the first of many England players to compete in South Africa's provincial competitions in the next few years.

Botham, who will be 36 on Sunday, would still be a big captain for a country desperate to attract players of international experience, particularly as he resurrected his England career in the last Test against the West Indies at the Oval in the summer.

Botham needs to play one Test in New Zealand in the new year to reach 100 caps, though his appearance in England colours will be delayed by a starring role in the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* in Bournemouth. His last spell overseas, however, was not a great success. He was dismissed by Queensland in 1988 after barely one season.

England sweep past Australia

From Richard Eaton in Barcelona

THE England women's table tennis team scored a 3-0 victory over Australia here in the World Team Cup yesterday, which put them third in their group and pleased their captain, Jill Parker. Victories against North Korea and Hungary had never been likely, but to finish so well against such an improved side was an encouraging sign.

Australia's improvement is greatly due to the introduction in their team recently of two players from Canton, Gina Hui, whose patience Lisa Lomas, the England No. 1, gradually eroded to beat 21-17, 21-9, and Kwok Ying, whose attack was not quite so good as the counter-attack of Andrea Holt, who won 21-17, 21-19.

Holt: won well

Kerri Tepper, the former Australian No. 1, held three match points in the last match, but met stern resistence from Fiona Elliot, who won 14-21, 21-16, 23-21.

The men produced one of their finest performances the night before, coming within two points of beating the world champions, Sweden.

Carl Prean managed a career-best performance, beating the world champion, Jorgen Persson, and the Olympic bronze medalist, Erik Lindh, leaving England needing only to beat the United States, to reach the quarter-finals.

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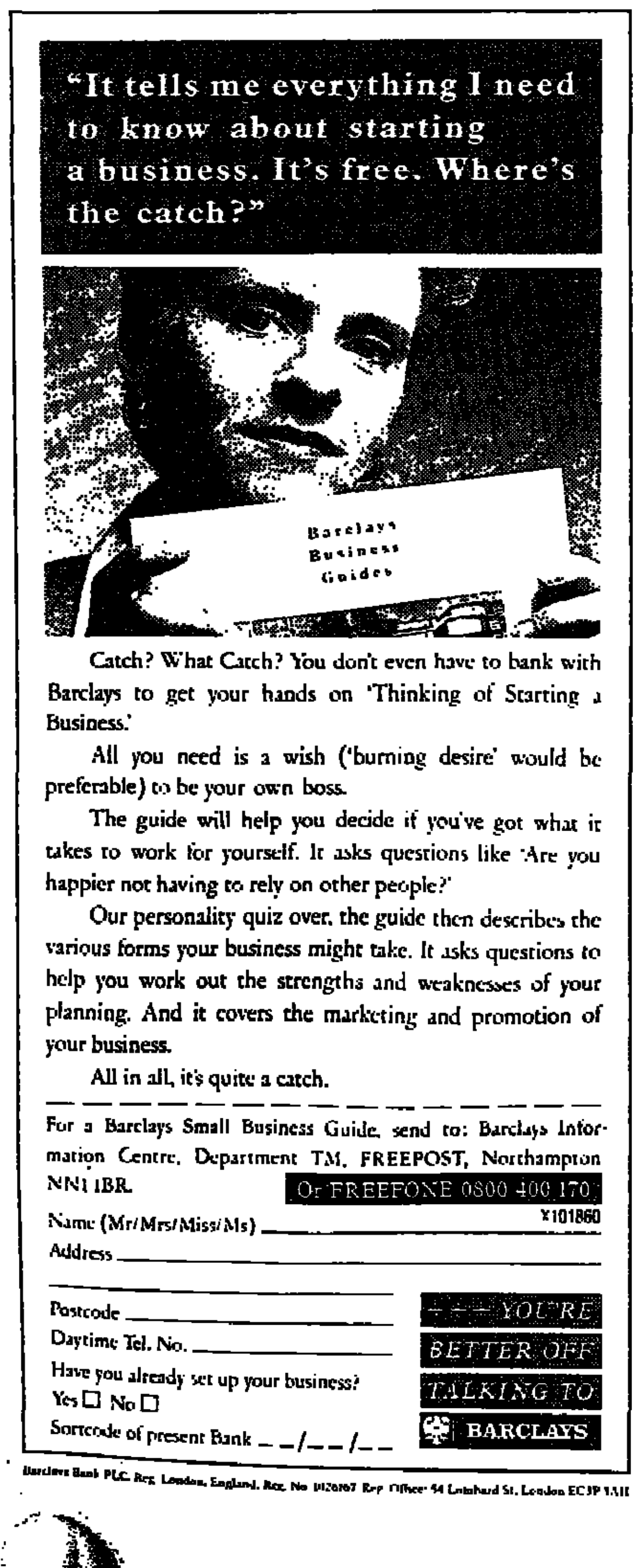
France seek Villepreux

FRANCE, without a national coach since the resignation of Daniel Dubroca after the World Cup, have approached Pierre Villepreux, the former Toulouse coach (Peter Bills writes).

Jean Fabre, who will replace Albert Ferrasse as president of the French Rugby Federation (FFR) on December 14, has asked Villepreux to be the new senior coach.

Fabre, a former president of the Toulouse club, intends to put together the coaching duo which won Toulouse the French club championship three times in four years. That would mean bringing back Villepreux from Italy, where he is coaching Treviso, and reuniting him with Jean-Claude Skrela, his successor as Toulouse chief coach.

The French have long admired the combination of Villepreux's creativity and Skrela's fitness work. However, Villepreux's two-year contract with the Italian club began in August. He said from Italy yesterday: "Of course, I would like to do the job with France. But I am not sure whether Treviso would let me go."



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